Dear Lynne,

Thank you for your letter dated 22 July 2020 seeking further financial information following my recent attendance at the Children, Young People and Education Committee in relation to the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill.

To confirm the WLGA, ADEW and the Regional Consortia have been invited to provide additional financial information on the impact of the Curriculum and Assessment Bill to update the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA). This resumes the activity that commenced earlier in the year, and which needed to be paused in some cases as stakeholders responded to the urgent impact of Covid-19. However, it is worth noting the Bill SRO and Bill Manager did meet with the Regional Consortia and the RIA reflects their views at that time. This further invitation to contribute to the RIA will provide the Regional Consortia with an opportunity to reflect on that information in light of the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and the further guidance that has been published to support curriculum reform.

The RIA will be updated at the end of Stage 2 to reflect the additional information received. Ahead of this, I will update the CYPE Committee and the Finance Committee as we meet in the autumn.

In the meantime if you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister for Education

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