

Rebecca Evans MS

Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

23 September 2020

Dear Minister,

Covid-19: Support for Wales

Thank you for your [response](#) to my letter of [22 July 2020](#) in relation to the consequential funding for Wales to support individuals, businesses and public services through COVID-19.

Given the figures quoted by the [Secretary of State for Wales](#), I also wrote to the Secretary of State seeking clarification. I have attached the [Secretary of State's response](#) for information, which shows he was referring to the overall amount of funding Wales received through the Barnett formula.

The Committee has urged the Secretary of State to ensure any future funding announcements clarify whether it is “new money” being allocated to Wales. This will assist the Committee when scrutinising budgets. We have also previously recommended in our [report on the Welsh Government's First Supplementary Budget 2020-21](#) that:

“Recommendation 3. The Committee recommends that the Welsh Government insists that the UK Government provides as much information as promptly as possible, on any UK Government announcement that affects Wales, its residents and/or the businesses that operate here.”



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I have also written the Secretary of State to highlight the importance of transparency of funding calculations, in line with its own guidance on [Block Grant Transparency: July 2020](#). Information should be provided as soon as possible after budgets or other significant statements to assist the Committee to understand UK funding and scrutinise Welsh Government, particularly given the economic uncertainties as a result of Covid-19.

Yours sincerely,

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Llyr Gruffydd MS
Chair of the Finance Committee

