

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP  
Chief Secretary to the Treasury

2 February 2021

Dear Chief Secretary,

**Finance Committee report: Implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework**

I am pleased to inform you that the Finance Committee has reported on its inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework.

Whilst recognising the constraints on your time due to the pandemic and fiscal events over the last few months, it is disappointing that you have not engaged with this inquiry. The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted serious problems with the way the Welsh Government receives funding from the UK Government and our report identifies a number of areas where further information is needed from the UK Government. I am pleased that the Secretary of State for Wales is scheduled to give evidence in March, when these issues will be discussed with him.



**Senedd Cymru**  
Bae Caerdydd, Caerdydd, CF99 1SN

 [SeneddCyllid@senedd.cymru](mailto:SeneddCyllid@senedd.cymru)

 0300 200 6565

**Welsh Parliament**  
Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF99 1SN

 [SeneddFinance@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddFinance@senedd.wales)

 0300 200 6565

The Committee wrote to you on 8 January 2021, requesting further information that would greatly assist us with this inquiry and our wider work on fiscal devolution. A plenary debate on the Committee's report is provisionally scheduled for 24 March and we would welcome your response to our earlier request, alongside your views on the issues detailed in the Committee's report. The Committee will explore these issues with the Secretary of State and I have written to him separately.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Llyr', is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Llyr Gruffydd MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

