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Llyr Gruffydd
Chair of Finance Committee
Senedd Cymru
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Llyr,

I wrote to you previously confirming my intention to publish a third supplementary budget for 2020-21 on 9th February. I expected that I would have confirmation from the UK Government of our final settlement for 2020-21 in good time to prepare the third supplementary budget by this date. However, I have not received this information from the UK Government and, as of the time of writing, do not have a firm commitment of when this will be received.

It is disappointing that the UK Government has not been able to confirm changes to the Welsh budget or, as yet, offer confirmation on any of the additional flexibilities sought. Given these circumstances, I regret I will be unable to prepare and publish the third supplementary budget on 9th February. I intend to delay publication to no later than 16th February and move the supplementary budget motion on 9th March. Whilst this provides for the required 3 weeks under Standing Orders, I will endeavour to publish the supplementary budget in advance of 16th February to provide the Committee with as much time as possible to undertake its scrutiny. I understand the issue has impacted the revision of budgets for the other devolved governments who are similarly reviewing their timetables.

Yours sincerely,

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