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Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

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Dear Cabinet Secretary and Minister

Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20

I would like to invite you both to attend a meeting of the Committee on the morning of Thursday 15 November to give evidence in connection with the Welsh Government's draft budget 2019–20.

The evidence session is scheduled for 09:30 – 10:15 and will take place in the Senedd, Cardiff Bay. The Clerk will confirm the venue nearer the date.

We have received correspondence from the Finance Committee which sets out their agreed principles of financial scrutiny, along with a number of areas they would like to see Committees focus their scrutiny on, these are:

- How the Welsh Government should use taxation and borrowing powers, particularly in relation to the Welsh Rate of Income Tax
- Approach to preventative spending and how is this represented in resource allocation (Preventative spending = spending which focuses on preventing problems and eases future demand on services by intervening early), particularly in relation to the financing of local health boards and health and social care services
- Sustainability of public services, innovation and service transformation
- Welsh Government policies to promote economic growth, reduce poverty, gender inequality and mitigate welfare reform



- The Welsh Government’s planning and preparedness for Brexit
- How evidence is driving Welsh Government priority setting and budget allocations
- How the Future Generations Act is influencing policy making.

The Committee would be particularly grateful to receive information on the budgetary matters highlighted in Annexe 1 to this letter. It would be helpful if you could provide the Committee with a bilingual paper in relation to these matters by Thursday 25 October.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dai Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dai Lloyd AC / AM

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Annexe 1

Request for information from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport and Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport from the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee to inform scrutiny of the draft budget 2019–20

Commentary on Actions and detail of Budget Expenditure Line (BEL) allocations

- A breakdown of the 2019–20 Economy and Transport MEG allocations which relate to sport and physical activity (by Spending Programme Area, Action and Budget Expenditure Line (BEL)).
- Indicative 2020–21 Economy and Transport MEG allocations which relate to sport and physical activity.
- Commentary on each of the Actions relating to sport and physical activity within the Economy and Transport MEG, including an analysis and explanation of changes between the Draft Budget 2019–20 and the First Supplementary Budget (June 2018).

In addition to the four usual themes of value for money, prioritisation, preventative spending and affordability, the Committee would particularly like to receive information on the following (where not already covered in the commentary on each Action):

- The funding allocated to Sport Wales, and progress made in monitoring effectiveness of Sport Wales' use of funding.
- The Welsh Government's priorities for sport and physical activity for the next three years, and allocations/projected spend for delivery of these.
- What evidence has driven the Welsh Government's setting of priorities and proposed budget for sport and physical activity.
- Evidence of how the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and five ways of working have influenced the budget allocations for sport and physical activity.
- The Committee is particularly interested in receiving details of how the budget will support:

- increasing physical activity among children and young people in Wales;
- the wider preventative agenda;
- joint working between sport, public health and other partners.