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Dear John,

I would like to take this opportunity to update the Committee on the recent allocations which I have been making from the Welsh Government's Covid Reserve.

Annex 1 provides details of the latest areas set to receive support together with the allocations which have previously been made as part of the Draft, Final and Supplementary Budgets for 2021-22. The next Supplementary Budget will be used to formalise the transfers from reserves.

We have recently received confirmation of additional consequentials being transferred to Wales. The amounts are up to £320 million resulting from increases to NHS budgets in England, and on the 30 September the UK Government announced their Household Support Fund which has resulted in a further consequential of up to £25 million. The precise amounts will be confirmed later this financial year as part of the Supplementary Estimate process. This delay in confirming precise amounts demonstrates some of the uncertainty which I outlined to the Finance Committee on the 29 September. It should also be noted that the picture on consequentials does change regularly due to various UK Government announcements which we are not always given advance warning of.

Over the coming months we will continue to monitor expenditure and emerging pressures as part of our normal budget monitoring processes and make additional allocations to budgets as necessary. I will provide further updates to the Committee should further significant allocations be made prior to the next Supplementary Budget.

Yours sincerely,

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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Annex 1

*Previous allocations were made in the Draft and Final Budgets for 2021-22 and as part of the first in-year Supplementary Budget

MEG/Item	Previous* £m	New £m	Total £m	Comments
Health and Social Services				
Contact Tracing	60		60	
NHS Support	380	411	791	
NHS Recovery	100	100	200	
Social Care Recovery		48	48	
Child Development Fund		4.5	4.5	
Support for Children and Play		5	5	Capital
NHS Recovery		40	40	Capital
Children and Young People	2		2	
CYP Play, Sport and Culture		20	20	
Total	542	628.5	1,170.5	
Finance and Local Government				
Free School Meals	23.3		23.3	
LA Hardship Fund	206.6		206.6	
Self Isolation Support		4	4	
Early Help Programme		7	7	
LA Hardship Fund – Social Care		25.5	25.5	
NDR Relief	352.2		352.2	
Total	582.1	36.5	618.6	
Climate Change				
Homelessness	4	10	14	
Bus Support	37.2		37.2	
Rail Support	70		70	
Total	111.2	10	121.2	
Education and Welsh Language				
Schools Catch Up	51.2		51.2	
Children and Young People	4.5		4.5	
FE Catch Up	33		33	
Outdoor Education	2		2	
Education Renew & Reform	19.3		19.3	
Qualifications		3.6	3.6	
Newly Qualified Teachers		1.7	1.7	
Youth Mental Health		2.5	2.5	
Education Research		1.7	1.7	
FE – FSM		4.2	4.2	
Flying Start		15	15	Capital

MEG/Item	Previous £m	New £m	Total £m	Comments
CO2/Ozone Units		6	6	Capital
Outdoor Education	2		2	
Qualifications		8	8	
Student Support Grants		13.4	13.4	
Post 16 Learners		5	5	
Personal Learning Accounts		5	5	
Covid Secure Environment		6.3	6.3	
ALN		10	10	
Welsh Language		2.2	2.2	
Eisteddfodd		0.2	0.2	
Total	112	84.8	196.8	
Economy				
Children and Young People	0.5		0.5	
Apprenticeships	16.5		16.5	
Communities for Work	6		6	
Culture Fund	30		30	
ERF	55		55	
ERF	141		141	
Sport and Leisure Fund		4	4	
Total	249	4	253	
Social Justice				
Discretionary Assistance Fund	10.5		10.5	
Third Sector Support	6		6	
Wales for Africa		1.5	1.5	
VAWDASV		1	1	
Advocacy and Advice		1.5	1.5	
Equalities		1	1	
Total	16.5	5	21.5	
Total Allocations	1,612.8	768.8	2,381.6	