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Dear Mark

**Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee – Fifth Senedd  
correspondence**

Thank you for your letter of 21 July, I hope that you and fellow Committee members found the introductory meeting on 20 September with Welsh Government Directors' General productive.

We value the reports of the Committee very much and at the request of the Fifth Senedd Committee I am writing to provide you with responses to the final reports and correspondences of that Committee.

The following annexes respond accordingly to:

- Annex 1 – Scrutiny of Accounts 2019-20 – Welsh Government - Removed and published separately
- Annex 2 – Public Accounts Committee – Fifth Senedd Legacy Report
- Annex 3 – Letter from the Committee Chair to the Permanent Secretary Welsh Government – 22 March 2021- Removed and published separately

I have welcomed the constructive scrutiny of the Committee in my time as Permanent Secretary for the Welsh Government and am sure the Committee will continue its' excellent work in the new Senedd term.



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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

Yours,  
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## Annex 1

### SCRUTINY OF ACCOUNTS 2019-20 – WELSH GOVERNMENT

This Annex has been removed and published separately to the Scrutiny of Accounts Issue

## Annex 2

### **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: FIFTH SENEDD – LEGACY REPORT**

Thank you for the Legacy Report for the Fifth Senedd. I welcome the findings of this report, and provide the following responses to the two recommendations contained within that relate to Welsh Government.

#### **Recommendation 5**

**We recommend that the Welsh Government responds to Auditor General for Wales reports within 15 working days, to inform Committee decisions about how to prioritise its work, in line with the existing protocol.**

#### **Accept**

We have reminded officials of the need to reply to Auditor General for Wales reports within 15 days and we will ensure that this target is complied with as far as possible.

There may be occasions where, due to the complexity of the recommendation and the need to obtain multiple contributions to the recommendation, the 15 day target is a challenge to meet. In this situation we will respond to the Auditor General within 15 days, outlining the progress made and when we expect to send the response.

#### **Recommendation 6**

**We recommend that the Welsh Government continues to respond to our successor Committee's recommendations with either 'accept' or 'reject'.**

#### **Accept**

The Welsh Government will continue to respond to the recommendations with either an 'accept' or 'reject' response. We have reminded officials of the need to respond in this way.

## Annex 3

### Letter from the Committee Chair to the Permanent Secretary Welsh Government - 22 March 2021 <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> [Letter from the Committee Chair to the Permanent Secretary Welsh Government - 22 March 2021.pdf \(senedd.wales\)](#)