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Peredur Owen Griffiths, MS
Chair
Finance Committee,
Welsh Parliament,
Cardiff Bay,
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Dear Peredur,

When we met last November we discussed the possibility that Welsh Government and Audit Wales might be able to identify an alternative means of agreeing and introducing some of the changes proposed by the Draft Public Audit (Amendment) Wales Bill. My officials have discussed this matter with colleagues in Audit Wales and they are of the view that there is nothing immediate that can be achieved without amendment of the current legislation.

You will be aware from our previous conversations that the Welsh Government is having to prioritise resources to deliver on a very busy legislative programme. This need to prioritise resources has only been exasperated by the events of the last two years. Therefore, for the foreseeable future the Welsh Government will not be able to release policy or legal resource to support the bringing forward of the proposed Bill.

I would like to thank you for your continued consideration on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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