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Dear Delyth,

Scrutiny of Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022-23: Culture, Communications and Sport

Thank you for your letter of 30 March which seeks further clarification on two issues arising from the evidence session on the 2022-23 draft budget. This letter provides the additional information you have sought under the same relevant subheadings.

Culture strategy

My officials are currently developing an approach to engagement on the development of the Culture Strategy. I intend to discuss this with ministerial colleagues and the Designated Member over the coming weeks.

We recognise the need to consult at all levels, from national Welsh Government-sponsored bodies (WGSBs) through to smaller, local arts, culture and heritage groups, ensuring this is done in an inclusive way, capturing the views of diverse communities. I will provide further information in due course.

Pay settlement in the public sector

At this stage in the financial year, it is impossible to forecast whether there may be underspends elsewhere in Welsh Government that could allow us to support pay and pension pressures at our sponsored bodies. My officials regularly highlight pay and pension support for our WGSBs as pressure points and as a priority for any additional funding that can be found during the course of the year.

You may be interested to note that both Amgueddfa Cymru and the National Library of Wales were able to meet their pay awards in 2021/22 and to use some of their Grant in Aid (GiA) to support pension pressures at year-end. Both bodies' expenditure was below the GiA awarded for 2021/22 at year-end. I am currently confident that the increase in revenue funding will be sufficient for 2022/23, but this is subject to the level of pay awards. We will of course be

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maintaining regular contact with the bodies in order to fully understand any emerging pressures.

We hope that you will find this further information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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