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8 March 2023

Dear Committee Chairs,

Scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2023-24: Evidence provided by the Welsh Government

In our <u>report</u> on the scrutiny of the <u>Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023-24</u>, we made several recommendations relating to budget presentation improvements. We also agreed to consult Committees on the documentation provided by the Welsh Government alongside its Draft Budget proposals, concluding that:

"Conclusion 1. We welcome the Minister's willingness to consider ways in which budget documentation can be improved. While we have reflected our views above, the Committee has decided to consult Senedd committees on their experiences of scrutinising this year's budget documentation and ways in which improvements can be made."

As a result, in reflecting on this year's budget scrutiny experience and in seeking improvements to the budget documentation provided by the Welsh Government at the 2024-25 Draft Budget and beyond, I would be grateful for the views of your committee in response to the following question:

What improvements would you like to see in the Welsh Government's Draft Budget documentation and subsequent ministerial written evidence?



Please make reference to the timeliness, quality and usefulness of any documentation and/or evidence received in your response.

We would appreciate responses by **Friday 28 April 2023**. Your views will then be collated and fed back to the Minister for Finance and Local Government, for her consideration in advance of the Budget Priorities 2024-25 Plenary debate that will be led by the Finance Committee and take place before summer recess.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Finance Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.