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Dear Peredur,

Invitation to Senedd Finance Committee

1. Thank you for your letter of the 22 March inviting me to attend a session of the Senedd's Finance Committee.
2. I recognise the importance of the Committee's role in providing rigorous scrutiny of the Welsh budget and holding Welsh Government ministers to account for their policy and budgetary decisions. At the same time I am mindful of parliamentary accountabilities, where the UK Government is accountable to the UK Parliament for its tax and spending decisions. I will therefore not be accepting your invitation.
3. In addition to the role of the UK Parliament in holding the UK Government to account, the Office for Budget Responsibility also provides independent scrutiny of UK Government tax and spending decisions.
4. The UK Government will also continue to engage with the Welsh Government on funding decisions and their impact on devolved matters as part of the wider operation of the Welsh Government's fiscal framework.

with very best regards

John

RT HON JOHN GLEN MP
Chief Secretary to the Treasury