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Dear Jayne,

Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's First Supplementary Budget 2022-23 – Provision of Free School Meals

On 30 June, the Finance Committee held an evidence session with the Minister for Finance and Local Government on the Welsh Government's First Supplementary Budget 2022-23.

At this session, the Committee considered issues relating to the remit of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, in particular the provision of Free School Meals. As Chair, I would like to draw your attention to the following recommendation that was included in our report:

Recommendation 9. The Committee recommends that a further breakdown of the funding provided to local authorities to support the Welsh Government's free school meals policy is provided in future budgets so that its implementation can be evaluated in future budget rounds.

Given your Committee's interest in this this policy area, you may wish to explore these issues in greater detail with the Minister for Education when scrutinising the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023-24 later this year.

Our report on the Supplementary Budget 2022-23 will be published on 11 July which will inform the Plenary debate scheduled for the 12 July.

We will share the Welsh Government's response to our recommendations with you once received.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peredur Owen Griffiths', with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair of the Finance Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.