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Dear Peredur,

I am writing to inform you that a meeting of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) will take place on 20 September in London.

The focus of the meeting will be on economic and fiscal priorities. I will be pressing the CST to provide clarity as to how public sector pay awards are being funded in England, and whether this will give rise to consequential funding for Wales. This is information I have been seeking for the last six months, and the provision of such information was a commitment arising from the last F:ISC meeting.

With the UK Autumn Statement confirmed to take place on 22 November, I will be outlining the difficulties this presents in preparing the Welsh Government draft budget, as well as the implications this has for the timing allowed for scrutiny. I will also be reiterating previous asks of the UK Government to provide the necessary support to protect public services and respond to the inflationary, pay, and other cost pressures as well as issues such as RAAC. There will also be a discussion on funding pressures and budget flexibilities.

We will also have an item on energy security, building on discussions at the last F:ISC with a focus on the role of network and grid infrastructure, as well as priorities for investment in emerging renewable technologies.

Further to an action from the last meeting, Ministers will be asked to agree the revised F:ISC Terms of Reference and Operating Procedures which officials have been reviewing over the summer.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I will also be holding a bilateral meeting with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to discuss Wales-specific spending pressures and the economic outlook, as well as support for industrial communities.

I will report to the Committee on the outcome of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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