

Rebecca Evans MS
Minister for Finance and Local Government

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Dear Rebecca,

IN CONFIDENCE: One-off non-consolidated payment of £1500 to Welsh Government staff

I understand that the Welsh Government has agreed that a one-off £1500 payment will be made to Welsh Government staff in July to mitigate the impact of the continued high cost of living.

As part of our role in scrutinising the Welsh Government's budget, the Committee is seeking clarity on the total value of this payment to the Welsh Government as well as information regarding how it will be funded. We would be grateful therefore if you could provide answers to the following questions:

1. Can you clarify the total value of this payment and explain how it will be funded, including whether there will be any associated consequential funding received from the UK Government, or by other means?
2. When you appeared before the Committee on 21 June 2023 to give evidence on the First Supplementary Budget 2023-24, you said "we haven't made changes to our spending plans... because we are still quite early on in the financial year" and that "colleagues across the different MEGs will be looking to manage their spend within the envelope that they have".

Has your funding position changed since the First Supplementary Budget 2023-24 was laid in order for this payment to be made to staff, and will transfers between MEGs be necessary to cover this cost?

3. Will the funding arrangements for this payment be reflected in the Second Supplementary Budget, due later in the financial year, or have you given



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consideration to bringing forward an additional supplementary budget to cover this payment?

4. Do you expect this payment to apply to staff working in public sector bodies in Wales other than the Welsh Government? If so, how do you anticipate that being funded? As the Committee has a role in overseeing the Directly Funded Bodies, we would be particularly interested in whether the Welsh Government expects those bodies to mirror these arrangements.

As we understand that this payment is expected to be made to Welsh Government staff imminently, we would appreciate a response to these questions as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,



Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair of the Finance Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

