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### UK GOVERNMENT AUTUMN STATEMENT

1. Thank you for your letter of 27 September regarding the date for the upcoming Autumn Statement.
2. The timing of fiscal events, including the upcoming Autumn Statement, are decided by the Chancellor. When considering these timings the Chancellor considers a wide range of factors, including key dates in the fiscal calendar, data releases, stakeholder engagements and the parliamentary calendar. This year, the presence of the King's Speech meant that the parliamentary time available for an Autumn Statement was more constrained.
3. The Chancellor has to balance these considerations against other factors when setting the time for a fiscal event, which does sometimes mean this is not as favourable as would be ideal for the Welsh Government or Senedd Finance Committee. We understand the challenges this poses for the Senedd in scrutinising the Welsh Government.
4. HM Treasury will continue to engage with the Welsh Government on its priorities for fiscal events as we did at the recent meeting of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee on 20 September, and I look forward to future engagement on these and other issues with the Minister for Finance and Local Government, Rebecca Evans MS.

*with best regards*

*John*

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