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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 7 February to myself and the Minister for Finance and Local Government, regarding the Electoral Commission's supplementary financial estimate for 2022-23 relating to its work on devolved Welsh elections. I am replying as the Minister responsible for elections, but I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Local Government given her interest in expenditure out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund and in the administration of elections by local authorities.

I can confirm that the activities described by the Electoral Commission in the estimate are in line with the Welsh Government's expectations about what has been required during the period this covers and is affordable within the funds transferred from HMT. It is helpful that the Commission has provided assurance that measures have been put in place to prevent pressures such as that relating to the additional funding sought for campaign related costs going forward, and that realistic pay assumptions were included in the estimate for 23-24.

Subject to the Senedd's agreement of the supplementary budget motion and the Committee's formal report, my officials will work with the Electoral Commission to agree a payment plan for the supplementary amount.

Yours sincerely,

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