

Mr Philip Rycroft

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Dear Philip

Finance Committee's inquiry into Intergovernmental Relations

Thank you for attending the Finance Committee meeting on 13 March, to provide evidence on our inquiry into intergovernmental relations. Your insight as a Commissioner for the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales (the Commission) and your wealth of experience as a civil servant was very informative.

Due to timing, there were a number of questions that the Committee did not reach during the session. We would therefore be grateful to hear your views on the following:

- Do you feel the dispute resolution mechanism would be more equitable if it incorporated an independent adjudicator for dealing with fiscal issues including those arising from the fiscal framework?
- The Commission's final report recommended the Westminster Parliament should legislate for intergovernmental mechanisms to secure a duty of co-operation and parity of esteem between the governments of the UK. How you would envisage this working and how would this ensure parity between all governments?
- The Commission said a principle should be established that funding changes confirmed after an autumn fiscal event can be managed across financial years. How concerning is the unpredictability in funding for Welsh Government and how effective do you think this principle could be for financial management?

We would appreciate receiving your response by 26 April 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peredur Owen Griffiths', written in a cursive style.

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS

Chair

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