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Dear William,

Petitions Committee: analysis of Welsh and UK Government financial statistics

Thank you for your letter of 23 January, about the petition proposing that the Welsh Government issues a report on Government expenditure and revenue in Wales.

At this time, I have no plans to produce a further report on financial statistics, as comprehensive information is already available on public expenditure in Wales (published by the Welsh Government on devolved issues, and by the UK Government on non-devolved matters).

However, it is possible that this situation could change in the future. In its report to the UK Government, the Commission on Devolution in Wales, chaired by Paul Silk, has recommended a wide range of financial reforms, including the devolution of several taxes and borrowing powers. If those recommendations were implemented by the UK Government, I can see that there could well be a need for further information to be made available, especially in relation to the receipts raised by any devolved taxes.

That decision must, however, await the UK Government's response to its Commission and the discussions that will follow.

*Best wishes,
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