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Annwyl Jenny,

Thank you for your role in chairing the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

On January 13th, I informed you that I planned to write to you following the scrutiny of the Equality and Social Justice MEG and the evidence of the Cabinet Secretary for Equality and Social Justice, Jane Hutt.

I would like our response to the draft budget to include a specific request on how the Welsh Government is challenging the UK Government on the following two changes to the benefits system, which have resulted in children and older people being poorer:

1. That the UK Government remove the two-child benefit cap on Child Benefit.
2. That the UK Government restore the Winter Fuel Allowance to older people.

I realise that the above are reserved matters and that there may be disagreement on the committee, but there is no reason why the Welsh Government cannot clearly state that they have made these representations.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yn gywir,



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