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Dear Peredur,

When we wrote to the Business and Finance Committees on 8 August 2024, under the provisions within Standing Order 20.6, the Trefnydd and I provided an update on our timetable for the Welsh Government's budget. This was following the Chancellor of the Exchequer's confirmation of the timing for the UK autumn budget.

We indicated that the planned dates for the publication of the Annual Budget and for it to be debated would remain unchanged on 25 February and 4 March respectively. I have reflected on the Finance Committee's preference for our budgets to be published during term time whenever possible, and I now propose to publish the Annual Budget earlier, on Thursday 20 February, to give the Senedd more time to consider ahead of the debate.

The date for the debate on the Final Budget would remain unchanged on Tuesday 4 March.

The Trefnydd will write in similar terms to the Business Committee in time for the planned change of publication date to be considered at the Business Committee's meeting on Tuesday 11 February.

Yours sincerely,

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