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1 April 2025

Dear Committee Chairs,

Scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2025-26: Evidence provided by the Welsh Government

In our report on the scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025-26, we made several recommendations relating to budget presentation improvements. We also agreed to consult Committees on the documentation provided by the Welsh Government alongside its Draft Budget proposals, concluding that:

"Conclusion 1. The Committee will consult Senedd committees involved in budget scrutiny ahead of the Welsh Spending Review and the 2026-27 budget round to explore ways to maximise budgetary scrutiny in the Senedd, in order to mitigate the impact of a curtailed scrutiny window."

As a result, in reflecting on this year's budget scrutiny experience and in seeking improvements to the budget documentation provided by the Welsh Government at the 2026-27 Draft Budget and beyond, I would be grateful for the views of your committee in response to the following questions:

- What improvements would you like to see in the Welsh Government's Draft Budget documentation and subsequent ministerial written evidence? Please make reference to the



timeliness, quality and usefulness of any documentation and/or evidence received in your response.

- Given the UK Spending Review, which is due to be published on 11 June 2025, will provide indicative funding for the Welsh Government future years, do you have any views on information you would require regarding a subsequent Welsh Spending Review, either along with budget documentation or as a separate exercise?

We would appreciate responses by **Friday 23 May 2025**. Your views will then be collated and fed back to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, for his consideration in advance of the Budget Priorities 2026-27 Plenary debate that will be led by the Finance Committee and take place before summer recess.

Yours sincerely,



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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

