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

Dear Peredur,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 April 2025 regarding the Welsh Government's Draft Budget documentation.

I would like to reiterate the concerns the Committee has previously raised in correspondence on this issue, in particular the timeliness of the documentation received.

The recent pattern of publishing the Draft Budget shortly before Christmas recess makes it challenging to meaningfully assess its impact on policy areas within our remit. Over the past three years, the draft budget scrutiny process has felt rushed, with our report being laid the day before the Plenary debate. This raises questions in relation to the extent in which Senedd Members, the Welsh Government and stakeholders can meaningfully consider committee reports before the debate.

As stated in previous correspondence, we believe that there is room for more clarity and transparency in the Welsh Government's draft budget documentation and ministerial written evidence. We would like to see more detail under each BEL, for example the homelessness prevention BEL needs to account for the Housing Support Grant separately, alongside the other element of the BEL. It would also be helpful if the Welsh Government could set out in written evidence how the provisional local government settlement considers the requirement for the sector to comply with certain statutory duties and/or Programme for Government priorities, such as the Welsh language; inequalities and the nature and climate emergency. Providing this information in written evidence would enable more in-depth scrutiny during oral evidence sessions.

I hope you find this response helpful.



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Yours sincerely,



John Griffiths MS

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.