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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyllid a'r Gymraeg  
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language



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Peredur Griffiths MS  
Chair of the Finance Committee  
Welsh Parliament  
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Dear Peredur,

We are now into our eighth year of administering devolved taxes in Wales. Since April 2018 over 400,000 Land Transaction Tax and Landfill Disposals Tax returns have been filed with the Welsh Revenue Authority (WRA) generating over £300 million per annum in revenues to fund public services in Wales.

Through its administration of devolved taxes in Wales, the WRA has developed significant expertise in the operation of the legislation that underpins these two taxes, as well as the Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Act 2016. This includes valuable insight into how these taxes can be clarified and improved. I have therefore asked officials at the WRA, with assistance from Welsh Government officials, to start the work required to introduce a Bill proposing enhancements for consideration by the seventh Senedd. I intend for this government to consult on proposals, but it will be for the next government to decide whether and how to act on the results of the consultation.

My officials are also preparing a Green Paper to meet the requirements placed on the Welsh Ministers by section 6 of the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Act 2022 to publish the conclusions of their review by 8 September 2026. That section includes a requirement for the Welsh Ministers to consult with the Senedd and I look forward to your Committee's engagement in that consultation following publication of the Green Paper.

Both these strands of work are important in the development of our devolved taxes journey and finding the appropriate solution for making changes to our taxes. Together with our ongoing consideration of how the Budget Process Protocol between the Senedd and the Welsh Government can best operate in future, these have the potential to become cornerstones of our future fiscal arrangements.

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I would very much like to meet to discuss these two matters with you, and my office will be in touch with yours to find a mutually convenient date before the summer recess.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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