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Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local
Government

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Annual Scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales

Dear Jayne,

We write to draw your attention to our report on the Annual Scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales. In particular, we would like to highlight our concerns in Chapter 3 relating to the delivery of Audit Wales's work programme and the challenges being faced in the timely submission and quality of local government accounts.

We wish to seek clarity on what action is being taken to address capacity, succession planning, and staff recruitment within local authority finance teams, and how awareness of financial governance risks can be strengthened.

We would appreciate your response on these matters and any steps the Welsh Government intends to take to ensure that local authorities meet statutory deadlines and maintain high standards of financial governance.

I am copying this letter to the Auditor General for Wales.

Yours sincerely,



Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair, Finance Committee