

Hefin David MS
Commissioner for Budget and Governance
Senedd Commission
By email

3 June 2025

Dear Hefin,

Senedd Commission Budget 2026-27

As you are aware, the Committee made the following recommendation in its report on the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2025-26:

"Recommendation 2. The Committee recommends that the Senedd Commission undertakes regular scrutiny sessions with the Committee to discuss how the Commission's budget preparations are evolving for the 2026-27 financial year."

In response, the Commission stated that:

"We are committed both to transparent adherence to the Committee's Statement of Principles and to ensuring that Members' views are fully taken into account within our budgetary framework. The end-to-end timetable for the production of the 2026-27 budget and Medium-Term Resourcing Framework will be developed to include Finance Committee scrutiny points at the key stages, and we stand ready to attend meetings whenever required."

We are grateful to the Commission for its continued engagement with the Committee in relation to its budgetary plans, including attending the scrutiny session on 27 March relating to the Cardiff Bay 2032 project and the future of the Senedd's estate, which provided the Committee with a helpful overview of how the project was progressing and its impact on the Commission's expenditure.

The Committee will be holding its usual evidence session with the Commission on its draft budget proposals for 2026-27 early in the autumn term. Ahead of that, and in line with the recommendation above, we ask you to:

provide an update on how the Commission's budgetary preparations are developing for next year, so we can understand what a "steady state" budget will look like beyond the election in May 2026; and

outline the plans for engagement with Members you will undertake before the Commission's draft budget is published.

This will provide clarity and transparency at an early stage and enable the Committee to consider the wider budgetary context within which the Commission operates prior to scrutinising detailed proposals in the autumn.

We would be grateful for such information to be provided by summer recess (18 July).

Yours sincerely,



Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee

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