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Chair
Communities, Equalities and
Local Government Committee

31 January 2014

Dear Christine,

Welsh Language

Thank you for your letter dated 28 January 2014 asking Committees to consider their existing approach to scrutiny of the Welsh language and seeking views on how best Welsh language considerations could be taken forward in the budget scrutiny process.

As you will be aware the role of the Public Accounts Committee (the Committee) is to ensure that proper and thorough scrutiny is given to Welsh Government expenditure and within this remit we have the potential to consider the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which Welsh Government expenditure on Welsh language provision is discharged. We will continue to work within this remit.

With regard to the budget scrutiny process you will recall that I, as Chair of the Committee, previously wrote to you highlighting the issue of scrutinising Welsh Language provision for adults for scrutiny during the 2014/15 annual budget round.

The Committee has also recently adopted a new set of working practices which include undertaking increased pre-expenditure scrutiny. One of the outcomes of this would be for the Committee to present a stand-alone report to the Assembly, to feed into the annual budget process, arising from a more focused approach to identifying value for money issues arising from the Committee's work throughout the year

Yours sincerely,

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