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**Jane Hutt AM
Minister for Finance and Government
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Dear Minister

The Committee considered supplementary LCM No. 3 for the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill on 3 December 2014.

Members agreed that I should write to you seeking clarification of your understanding of the UK Government's policy intentions in relation to clauses 149-151 (previously, clauses 146-148) of the Bill. In particular, Members would like further information on the following—

- **in relation to the power for HM Treasury to make regulations requiring the repayment of some or all of any qualifying exit payment in “specified circumstances” (as per paragraph 8a of the LCM), what the Welsh Government understands these “specified circumstances” to be;**
- **in relation to a ‘qualifying exit payment’, the LCM states that this means “a payment of a certain description made to an employee or office holder of a prescribed public sector authority when they leave the employment or office”. What public sector authorities or offices will be covered by these provisions; will they include, for example, local government officials, councillors, fire and rescue services staff and the police?**
- **whether there will there be a minimum threshold in relation to the exit payments to be recovered and, if so, what this is likely to be;**

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- in relation to the power to waive the repayment requirement, if this is conferred on the Welsh Ministers, in what circumstances does the Welsh Government envisage using that power?

The deadline for the Committee to report on the LCM is 8 January. On this basis, I would be grateful to hear from you by Wednesday 10 December to enable Members to consider your response on 11 December, our final meeting of term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Christine Chapman AC / AM

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