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Dear Jocelyn,

Thank you for the Committee's report on its inquiry into Best Practice Budget Processes Part 2 – Planning and implementing new budget procedures.

Throughout this inquiry, there has been a high level of engagement and I am grateful to the Committee for its approach and pleased that the recommendations in this report reflect our collaborative working. Taking forward developments to the budgetary procedure will require ongoing discussions and the continued co-operation with the Committee and Assembly Commission will be essential.

The recommendations highlight some of the key issues that we need to address as we continue to develop the necessary arrangements to implement our increased fiscal powers under the Wales Act 2014. I look forward to our continued co-operation as we develop the detail required to successfully implement a 'fit for purpose' budgetary process for Wales.

I enclose a note at Annex A which responds to each recommendation in the report.

Yours sincerely

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