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Ms Jocelyn Davies Chair of the Finance Committee National Assembly for Wales Cardiff Bay CARDIFF CF99 1NA

Dear Chair

## **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Supplementary Estimate**

I am writing to you in accordance with Standing Order 20.36.

In my budget estimate for 2013/14, which was approved by the National Assembly for Wales, I included provision in respect of pensions. Due to the way that this has to be reported by the Welsh Government it appears in the Supplementary Estimate and indicates a reduction of £30,000 in the Annually Managed Expenditure (AME) for the 2012/13 financial year. My budget estimate for 2013/14 took account of the £30,000 reduction, which arose as a result from changes to earlier forecasts in relation to pension commitments.

Although this was reflected in my budget estimate for 2013/14 the current Supplementary Budget Motion laid before the National Assembly for Wales in February 2013 formalises this change and therefore I am required to submit this explanatory note in accordance with the Standing Orders. I do however stress that this is not a request for additional resources or for an increase in the cash requirement above my budget estimate submission in October 2012.

Yours sincerely

Peter Tyndall Ombudsman