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Dear David,

25 June 2015

I write in relation to the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

You will recall that I said in the Stage 1 debate in plenary on 3 June that I agreed with the Committee's recommendation that the Member in Charge should undertake further analysis of the potential increases in expenditure that will arise as a result of the Bill, and that I had already offered to assist her with that task. Without that analysis, I did not believe that the time was right to move a Financial Resolution Motion.

I have not yet seen any revised costings from the Member in Charge and will not therefore proceed to move a Financial Resolution Motion on 7 July as had been my original intention. It is important that any such resolution is informed by clear understanding of all the Bill's financial implications.

I will, however, be tabling the Welsh Government's amendments before recess, as an indication of my commitment to supporting the Bill's aims. I will also ask my officials to continue to examine the financial ramifications of the Bill as introduced over the summer.

I hope that I will be able to move a Financial Resolution Motion early in the autumn term. I am writing to you now because I know this will have an impact on the Committee's timetable for the Stage 2 consideration, but hope you will agree that such consideration needs to be properly informed by a Financial Resolution which commands general confidence.

Best wishes,

Mark

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