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Jocelyn Davies AM  
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Dear Jocelyn

**Inquiry: Making Laws in the Fourth Assembly**

We took evidence from the Minister for Finance and Government Business in connection with the above inquiry on 16 March 2015.

One of the issues we raised concerned the following comments made in the Welsh Government's written evidence:

“24. Looking ahead, the Government envisages that it may also be appropriate to deal with certain financial or tax revenue issues through an alternative scrutiny process...”

When we asked the Minister about the different scrutiny processes that might be appropriate for finance or tax bills, she referred to work undertaken by your Committee relating to best practice for budget processes.

We would be grateful to receive further information about this work and how it relates to standing order changes that may be needed to accommodate the legislative scrutiny of finance, budget or tax bills. It would also be helpful to

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have details on the timeframe over which you envisage these changes happening.

I would be grateful to receive your response by 23 April 2015.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Melding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**David Melding AM**  
**Chair**