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Dear Christine,

Thank you for your letter of 8 October 2015 asking about evaluation undertaken following the inclusion of socio-economic disadvantage into the draft budget equality impact assessments.

As a Government we are committed to assessing the impact of our spending decisions. We will continuously develop and improve our approach year on year. In each Strategic Integrated Impact Assessment we publish we aim to improve the depth of the analysis provided.

In line with this commitment we have asked the Public Policy Institute for Wales to look at how the Welsh Government might improve its use of impact assessments. This work will look at current practice in Wales, and examine best practice from around the world to provide advice on how the impact assessment process could be enhanced.

Following the completion of this work early next year we will be considering its outcomes to shape our approach to impact assessments going forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the first letter.

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