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Minister for Finance and Government Business

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Dear Jane

Second Supplementary Budget 2014-15

Thank you for attending Committee to give evidence yesterday. I write to clarify the position regarding the commissioning of the 'Nuffield Trust Report: A Decade of Austerity in Wales'. When asked in Committee who had commissioned this report, you replied:

"I think I'd have to clarify exactly with the Minister for Health and Social Services. ... It wasn't commissioned by the Welsh Government, but the Welsh Government wanted to—. ... I think it was felt outside the Welsh Government, but welcomed by the Welsh Government, that we needed that overview, which would very much fall alongside a Nuffield overview in England in terms of finances."¹

Having looked at the Nuffield Trust Report, I have noted that it says:

"This is an independent report, which has been commissioned by the Welsh Government."

I would be grateful for your clarification on this matter and due to the timescales associated with the supplementary budget I would be grateful for a quick response.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

¹ Extract from draft committee transcript

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