

Julie James AM

Leader of the House and Chief Whip

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Dear Julie

Draft budget scrutiny 2019–20

The Committee will be holding its scrutiny sessions for the draft budget 2019–20 on 15 November, with the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services and the Minister for Housing and Regeneration.

In August we wrote to the Cabinet Secretary and Minister in relation to the key policies and legislation for scrutiny in their portfolios, requesting a detailed paper on the allocations based around the Finance Committee's agreed principles of financial scrutiny. The agreed principles are outlined below:

- **Affordability** – to look at the big picture of total revenue and expenditure, and whether these are appropriately balanced;
- **Prioritisation** – whether the division of allocations between different sectors/programmes is justifiable and coherent;
- **Value for money** – Essentially, are public bodies spending their allocations well – economy, efficiency and effectiveness (i.e.) outcomes; and
- **Budget processes** – are they effective and accessible and whether there is integration between corporate and service planning and performance and financial management.



Included in the list of legislation for scrutiny in the letter was the *Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015*. Officials responded to the letter on 10 October to advise that we should write to you directly to request information on this Act, as it falls within your portfolio.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a bilingual paper in relation to this Act, based around the Finance Committee's agreed principles, by 25 October. This is the deadline given to the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services and the Minister for Housing and Regeneration.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

