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Dear Peredur,

Thank you for your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> May regarding the Finance Committee's review of the Statement of Principles to which the Committee expects directly funded bodies to adhere when making budget proposals.

You asked for my views on the supplementary budget/estimate process for directly funded bodies and whether the current arrangements provide sufficient flexibility or whether the process could be strengthened through the Standing Orders or by making changes to the principles themselves.

I believe the Statement of Principles continues to be useful guidance for directly funded bodies and remains fit for purpose. This is evidenced by the helpful level of information that has been provided by directly funded bodies when presenting budgetary information to the Committee prior to supplementary budgets being tabled. While I do not necessarily see a need to formalise this practice through changes to Standing Orders, I would be willing to support such a proposal, with the proviso that any changes must not curtail or restrict the Welsh Government's timescales for preparing budgets.

Welsh Ministers remain committed to working with the Senedd Committees to produce budgetary information in the most transparent and open manner possible. In this regard, I will continue to provide information to the Finance Committee prior to summer recess on various factors that can be drawn upon to inform future budget planning. I will, of course, continue to attend Finance Committee to support the Committee's scrutiny of our annual and supplementary budgets.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans".

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