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Thank you for your letter of 31 January again inviting me to give evidence to your Committee on the implementation of the fiscal provisions in the Wales Act 2014.

As you note, the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 is the joint responsibility of the UK Government and the Welsh Government. Equally the Fiscal Framework which was published in December is a joint agreement between the UK Government and the Welsh Government on the future funding arrangements for Wales. I think it would be appropriate that your committee formally scrutinises the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government in relation to these matters given the respective lines of accountability.

Whilst pressures on my diary do not allow me to attend a formal evidence session, I would like to repeat my offer to meet committee members on an individual basis to discuss any particular concerns relevant to your inquiry.

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