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Dear Nick Ramsay

National Library of Wales: A Review of Governance report

Thank you for your letter of 20 February 2017 regarding the Welsh Government's response to the Auditor General Wales' report on the National Library of Wales' governance. I have responded below to the two specific queries raised in your letter.

Framework Document

The National Library has a current Framework Document in place, which is now due for review. The review will take account of improvements which are being made more generally to Framework Documents for Arm's Length Bodies across the Economy, Skills and Natural Resources group. I anticipate that the National Library's Framework Document will be completed by the autumn.

Legal processes following the fire at the National Library in 2013

Our earlier response to the Auditor General confirmed that the National Library sought guidance from us some time ago regarding the pursuit of litigation against other parties in respect of the fire, and that we have been working jointly with the Library and its legal advisers on this matter.

This matter is sensitive, as potential claims are currently being pursued. We suggest therefore that we update the Committee when these matters have been concluded, which we expect to be later this year.

I note the Committee's intention to scrutinise the National Library's Annual Report and Accounts for 2016-17 in the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

James Price