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Dear Mr Ramsay

You have invited me to attend the session of the Public Accounts Committee on 26 June that will focus on the Auditor General for Wales' report on the Welsh Government's initial funding of the Circuit of Wales project.

I am sorry to inform you that Mr Mick McGuire and Mr Chris Munday are no longer able to join me at the session on 26 June. The Circuit of Wales is a live project and the First Minister has stated that Cabinet will take a decision on the project before the end of June. With that in mind, I am sure you will appreciate the priority focus for Mr McGuire and Mr Munday must be ensuring the completion of the rigorous due diligence process and associated work so that Cabinet has the right information to consider the project comprehensively, and takes its decision in a thoroughly informed way.

Instead, I propose to be accompanied by Mrs Tracey Mayes, Head of Governance and Compliance within my Group. Mrs Mayes has a detailed understanding of the technical aspects of the Welsh Government's initial funding of the Circuit of Wales project.

I should also like to confirm that as Cabinet will not have taken a decision on the Circuit of Wales project in advance of my attendance at the Committee, I will be unable to comment on any aspects of the current proposal.

I hope the Committee will be content with this proposition.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Price".

James Price