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Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> May regarding the report into the delay in laying of Natural Resources Wales annual accounts 2016 and for forwarding a copy of the feedback you received from the Auditor General for Wales.

Officials have started to discuss the technical and legislative implications raised with colleagues in the Wales Audit Office and have agreed that they should work together in order to arrive at a satisfactory yet comprehensive way ahead.

Although I am pleased that the Welsh Government and Wales Audit Office will be cooperating on these important matters, it does mean that I will not be able to provide the committee with a full and comprehensive response on the actions to be taken until after the summer recess.

Yours sincerely

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