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Dear Mr Ramsay AM,

I am writing to inform you that I have appointed Jim Harra, Director General for Customer Strategy & Tax Design as Additional Accounting Officer (AAO) with responsibility for the Welsh Rate of Income Tax (WRIT).

As you'll be aware, the Command Paper, "Powers For A Purpose: Towards A Lasting Devolution Settlement For Wales"¹, announced that an Additional Accounting Officer (AAO) would be appointed who would be specifically accountable for the implementation and collection of WRIT, including the associated assets, liabilities and cash flows. The AAO will have responsibility for all matters of governance, decision making and financial management in relation to WRIT.

The AAO will provide an annual WRIT extract from the audited HMRC accounts to the Welsh Assembly. Welsh Assembly Committees will be able to request HMRC Accounting Officers to give evidence. Full details of the responsibilities of Accounting Officers are shown at Chapter 3 of the HM Treasury document, Managing Public Money. This may be found at: http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/mpm_ch3.pdf.

I am pleased to hear that a good start has been made with a successful first Welsh Income Tax Project Board meeting, and look forward to further collaborative working between our officials. If you have any further questions about this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact my office (Chief.executive@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk), or HMRC's devolution team (Catherine.Dampier@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk)

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powers-for-a-purpose-towards-a-lasting-devolution-settlement-for-wales>



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Thompson', written in a cursive style.

**JON THOMPSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND PERMANENT SECRETARY**