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Dear Simon

**Underspend from the Remuneration Board's Determination**

Thank you for your letter dated 6 July 2017.

We note your concern around the way the Commission profiles the budget and, in particular, that a project of the size of the ground floor refurbishment should have been highlighted at an earlier stage.

The Commission met on 17 July and took the opportunity to discuss your letter. We agreed that the draft budget submission in September should provide additional detail on the expected take-up by Assembly Members of the budget for the Remuneration Board's Determination.

We will liaise with the Remuneration Board and if timing allows, we will reflect any changes being considered by the Board, for 2018-19 into this estimate.

In addition, we will include in our Draft 2018/19 Budget document, information about the projects and priorities which could be appropriately financed from any underspend on the Determination.



We are satisfied that any projects identified will be scrutinised and funds will only be released for essential and priority items for the Commission. The Commission are also satisfied that there are taut and realistic spending plans in place for the entire Assembly Commission budget.

Thank you again for challenging us to reflect on our approach.  
As ever, if there is any further information your Committee would like, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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