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Dear Simon

**ESTIMATE 2017-18**

Many thanks for your Committee's positive report on our Estimate for 2017-18 and suite of other statutory reports.

We are pleased to note that the Committee is content with our Estimate and other reports and that the Committee welcomed the openness provided during the scrutiny process. We will now proceed in laying the Fee Scheme (a draft of which was included in the Estimate) for the Committee's formal approval.

We accept the recommendation made regarding IT investment and we will provide that additional detail in our future Annual Reports. We also note that the Committee would like further information in the New Year regarding the Auditor General's obligations under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. We will provide that in liaison with your Clerk.

We found the scrutiny process to be very constructive and would like to thank you and your clerking team for the effective planning and engagement.

Yours sincerely

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