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Dear Permanent Secretary,

### **Public Accounts Committee Report Recommendations**

During our meeting on 25 September 2017, the Public Accounts Committee considered the Welsh Government's response to the recommendations made in a number of our recent reports. These included our reports on Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management in Wales and The Regulatory Oversight of Housing Associations. At the meeting we also considered correspondence from the Welsh Government in relation to the implementation of recommendations made in a report of our predecessor Committee in respect of Senior Management Pay.

I will write to you separately with further details of the Committee consideration of the above matters but on a wider point I wanted to draw your attention to the Committee's concerns regarding the Welsh Government's approach of partially accepting the Committee recommendations.

We have noted a consistent theme in that although the Welsh Government partially accepts/accepts in principle some recommendations, the accompanying detail obfuscates to the point of not accepting the recommendation at all.

The Committee does not have an issue with the Welsh Government not accepting its recommendations as we regard this to be an essential part of an effective scrutiny process.



However, rather than stating a partial acceptance we suggest the Welsh Government is not able to accept a recommendation, it should clearly state this.

I trust you will consider our observations and respond in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Ramsay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

**Nick Ramsay AM**  
**Chair**

