

Suzy Davies AM
Commissioner for Budget and Governance

8 December 2017

Dear Suzy

Inquiry on the Remuneration Board's Determination Underspend

Thank you for your letter of 7 November 2017 in response to the Finance Committee's report on the Scrutiny of the Assembly Commission's Draft Budget 2018–19.

As you will note from the report, one of our conclusions was to undertake an inquiry to establish how other parliaments budget for expenditure related to Members' pay and allowances. At our meeting on 7 December 2017, we agreed the terms of reference for the inquiry:

To consider:

- how the Assembly Commission forecasts its budget for Remuneration Board determinations;
- whether the way in which the Assembly Commission provides information on the underspend is clear and transparent;
- how the Assembly Commission decides to utilise the underspend after meeting the Remuneration Board's determinations; and
- how other parliaments, within the UK and more widely, budget for expenditure related to Members' pay and allowances.

We would like to invite you to attend a meeting of the Committee to discuss these issues. Prior to your attendance, it would be helpful to receive a written paper addressing areas of the terms of reference which are relevant to the Commission as set out above by **Friday 9 February 2018**. My official leading on this inquiry is



Leanne Hatcher and she will be in touch with your officials to make the necessary arrangements.

Should you require any clarification or further information, please contact: Leanne Hatcher, Committee Clerk, 0300 200 6343, SeneddFinance@assembly.wales

Yn gywir



Simon Thomas AC

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu'n Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

