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Simon Thomas AM, Chair, Finance Committee, The National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF99 1NA

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Dear Simon

I am writing to inform you of our approach to the publication of supplementary budgets during 2018-19.

I intend to continue with the practice adopted over recent years and publish two supplementary budgets during the financial year.

A first supplementary budget will be tabled on 19 June to allow for a debate on 10 July, prior to the summer recess. This allows a period of three weeks for scrutiny under Standing Orders.

The budget will also provide an opportunity to reflect the changes arising from the UK Government's Main Estimates exercise, alongside any allocations from our reserves.

This will be the first year supplementary budgets will be published under the new budget process arrangements. Accordingly, it will include details of any changes proposed to the Welsh Government's financing and spending plans agreed in the 2018-19 final budget.

To maintain consistency with the information published in the final budget, the supplementary budget will be published at the BEL level. As I advised in my recent letter to you, I will also include details in this budget about the use of financial transactions in the event of new allocations.

Following current practice, I intend to publish a Second Supplementary Budget later in the financial year.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope you find this update helpful.

Best wishes,

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