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Dear Clare,

Natural Resources Wales Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18

Thank you for your letter of 9 July which was discussed in private at a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on 16 July.

At the meeting the Committee was disappointed to hear from the Auditor General that he has qualified NRW's 2017-18 accounts. However, it was pleasing to note the work you have commenced to address problems at NRW and the actions you have implemented since taking up office earlier this year.

You are aware that the Committee scrutinised NRW's 2015/16 Annual Report and Accounts - which were also qualified - and we published our Report in June 2017. The Committee has received regular updates on the progress NRW has made in addressing the recommendations of the Committee together with the implementation of the measures outlined in your Action Plan and have been encouraged with the progress made. However, we remain concerned by the continuation of governance issues around the letting of timber sales contracts.

As a result, the Committee has agreed that it wishes invite you attend a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee in order to discuss NRW's Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18. I am aware that the Committee Clerks have spoken to your office and agreed that you will attend on Monday 24 September from 15.00 -



17.00 (timings will be finalised nearer to the date). The meeting will take place in the Senedd. You are welcome to be accompanied by two senior officers and I would be grateful if you can please advise the Committee Clerks of their names and role by email: SeneddPAC@Assembly.Wales

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Nick Ramsay AM
Chair

