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Llyr Gruffydd AM
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Dear Llyr,

Autism (Wales) Bill

Further to my appearance before the Finance Committee to give evidence on the Autism (Wales) Bill, I would like to clarify a miscalculation in my evidence. You will be aware that, whilst it has not been possible to provide an accurate figure for the total costs of autism in Wales, the estimated figure included in the RIA is £1.1 billion per year. The RIA refers to a reduction of 1% in autism spend resulting in a saving of £1 million annually, a figure I also referred to in my evidence to the Finance Committee. However, this is an under estimation of the potential savings as, based on a total cost of £1.1 billion, a 1% reduction in autism spend would actually result in annual savings of £11 million, which is a far more substantial benefit. I would be grateful if this revised figure could be taken into consideration during the Finance Committee's continued scrutiny of the Bill.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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