

23 October 2018

Dear Colleague,

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

As you are aware, the Auditor General for Wales published reports on Public Procurement in Wales in October 2017 and the National Procurement Service in November 2017. The Public Accounts Committee started an inquiry into these issues in spring 2018 to which you provided evidence to.

During the evidence session with the Welsh Government on 5 March, it transpired that a number of the Committee's concerns would be addressed in the review being undertaken by the Welsh Government. I subsequently wrote to the Welsh Government in March, advising that it would be premature for the Committee to draw conclusions until the review has been completed and that the Committee will reflect on the outcomes of that review in due course. As the review has now been completed, the Committee will be returning to this inquiry in November.

To assist the Committee with this inquiry, I would be grateful if you could please let me have your views on the findings of the Welsh Government's Review, which the Cabinet Secretary for Finance announced in a statement on [5 September](#). The Committee will be taking further evidence from the Welsh Government to explore the findings from the review and intended next steps in more detail in November. In addition, the Committee has indicated to the Welsh Government that it would also welcome an update on relevant actions in response to recommendations made by the Auditor General in his two reports. The Committee will seek clarification, during the evidence session, on how those recommendations have been progressed, or will be progressed in the context of the actions arising from the review during the evidence session.



I look forward to hearing from you by 9 November.

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 extending to the right.

Nick Ramsay AM
Chair

