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Dear

Thank you for your letter dated 07 February regarding the timing of my response to your report on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019-20.

Although our response met with the timescale set out in the commissioning email from Committee Business, I acknowledge that the response did not reach committee before the scheduled debate. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay. As you highlight in your letter there are significant pressures in supporting the budget scrutiny. I am grateful for the insight that the Committee report provided on a number of important environmental issues. I also welcome the challenge we have at scrutiny committee to ensure that our financial decisions are robust. Above all I am mindful of ensuring that I provide a quality and considered response and on this occasion additional time was required for a full assessment of the recommendations in your report.

In the future to ensure that sufficient time is built in for full consideration of the budgetary issues I have asked my officials to ensure that they check with the Plenary Business team at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support.

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