

RT Hon Elizabeth Truss MP  
Chief Secretary to the Treasury

3 May 2019

Dear Chief Secretary to the Treasury,

### **Inquiry into Capital Funding Sources**

Thank you for your response of 2 April in relation to the Committee's invitation to attend a meeting on its inquiry into Capital Funding Sources.

The Committee is disappointed that you do not feel it appropriate for you to appear as part of the inquiry.

Whilst I appreciate the National Assembly for Wales does not have power to require a UK Minister to attend a Committee, the [Devolution Guidance Note 12](#) does state that Ministers will wish to consider each case on its merits taking into account a number of considerations, including:

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"the relationship between the Minister's responsibilities and the subject of the devolved legislature's enquiry (i.e. how closely linked are the issues? are there ramifications within devolved areas of UK Ministerial decisions?)"

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Given the Welsh Government receives conventional funding as part of the Welsh block grant from the UK Government, we are of the view that it is entirely appropriate that you should provide evidence. I should be grateful if you would reconsider our invitation and we could facilitate video conferencing if necessary.

However, if you are not willing to attend a meeting, we would be grateful to receive written evidence from you to inform the Committee's considerations. The terms of reference for the inquiry are available:

<http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=24564>

It would be helpful to receive your response by 17 June 2019, to ensure we can take your views into account when reporting.

Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Llyr'.

Llyr Gruffydd AM  
Chair of the Finance Committee

