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Dear Llyr,

Thank you for your letter seeking comments on the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Finance Committee and the directly funded bodies.

I recognise the benefits of ensuring the directly funded bodies' future budget proposals are transparent, prudent and reflect the financial constraints across the public sector as a result of austerity. The principles set out in the MoU should, in essence, hold true for the whole of the Welsh public sector, particularly in terms of improving processes and efficiency in these challenging financial times. The move to ensure bodies should not assume an increase in funding, irrespective of increases to the block grant, is also welcome. In the context of austerity, a decision to increase funding in one area is a decision to reduce funding in another.

In terms of the information outlined at paragraph 8, it is my intention to provide this detail before the summer recess. It may be helpful to include a reference to when this information will be available in the MoU to aid future planning.

Yours sincerely,



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