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Dear Rebecca,

AMENDING THE GOVERNMENT OF WALES ACT 2006 (BUDGET MOTIONS AND DESIGNATED BODIES) ORDER 2018

Thank you for drawing the Finance Committee's attention to your proposals to amend the Government of Wales Act 2006 (Budget Motion and Designated Bodies) Order 2018. The Committee discussed the consultation at its meeting on 23 May and welcomes the next phase of the alignment exercise, as recommended by the previous Finance Committee. We have two minor queries in relation to the bodies proposed in phase 4:

- Phase 2 focussed on Welsh Government subsidiary companies, along with the Welsh NHS Trusts. However, we note that the list of bodies proposed for designation in the next phase (Annex A - Welsh 'central government' bodies) includes International Business Wales, a Welsh Government subsidiary company; and
- The Welsh Government's Register of Devolved Public Bodies includes a range of 'Welsh Government Sponsored Bodies – Tribunals'. None of these are included in the list of bodies proposed in phase 4. However, a number are included in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) classification guide and its listing of 'central government' bodies.

Furthermore, the consultation document notes that the Welsh Government's response to the consultation will set out a "list of public bodies that will be included in the designation order, and will also indicate those that require further consideration and those that will be excluded, if appropriate". The Committee would be grateful for an update on the development of this list, together with an explanation as to why some bodies are to be excluded and the impact that this may have.

Yours sincerely,



Llyr Gruffydd AM, Chair of the Finance Committee

