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Dear Suzy,

During Business Questions last week, you raised a query in respect of the consultation on amending the Government of Wales Act 2006 (Budget Motions and Designated Bodies) Order 2018.

This Order is part of the exercise to align budgeting and accounting boundaries – a recommendation of the Fourth Assembly's Finance Committee following its inquiry into Best Practice Budget Processes in 2015. It is a technical procedure which will allow the resources of bodies that fall within the central government sector to be included within a budget motion tabled under section 125 or 126 of the Government of Wales Act 2006. Given the technical nature of this Order, the consultation is limited to those bodies proposed to be designated within the Order, the Wales Audit Office and the Finance Committee.

The consultation was sent to every body proposed to be designated within the Order on 1<sup>st</sup> May. My officials are currently meeting with consultees to discuss any issues or points of clarity they may have in advance of formally responding to the consultation by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

All bodies proposed to be designated are, or are expected to be, classified to the central government sector by the Office of National Statistics. This is the criteria by which the UK public expenditure framework applies and governs the budgetary treatment of public bodies.

Yours sincerely,

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