Dear Llyr,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Welsh Government’s consultation to amend the Government of Wales Act 2006 (Budget Motions and Designated Bodies) Order 2018.

Taking each of your queries in turn:

1) International Business Wales (IBW) was omitted from the phase 2 designation as it is not formally classified by the Office of National Statistics (ONS). The formal classification of IBW is currently underway in readiness for the 2019 Designation Order. It is expected to be classified to the Central Government sector.

2) Welsh Government Sponsored Bodies – Tribunals do not fulfil the criteria to be classified as a separate institutional unit by the ONS. Therefore, they are regarded as part of Welsh Government with their resources are already included within the Welsh Government’s resource budget, budget motion and consolidated accounts.

HM Treasury has confirmed that the current listing of tribunals on the ONS classification guide is an error. We have requested that the guide be corrected as soon as possible.

3) Following consideration of the responses received as part of this consultation, I will advise the Committee of my conclusions including an explanation for any bodies that will be excluded and their impact where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Evans

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