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Chair,  
Children, Young People & Education Committee



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Dear Committee Chair,

Following on from the Children, Young People and Education Committee's report on School Funding in Wales and the Welsh Government response, I am writing to offer further clarification about Indicator Based Assessments and their purpose within the Local Government Settlement calculations.

It is important that Assembly Members appreciate how such a large proportion of the Welsh Government budget is distributed between local authorities, the sources of data used to drive allocations and the rigour and independence that is built into formula and the processes to update it each year.

I am happy to issue written guidance over and above that available in the "Green Book", which is the background information for Standard Spending Assessments published following the final budget each year. Alternatively if you or any member of your committee or your committee clerk would prefer a face to face technical briefing I am happy to arrange some sessions.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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