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09 March 2020

Dear Llyr,

I am writing to inform you that a meeting of the Finance Ministers' Quadrilateral will take place on 10 March.

The agenda will cover the UK Government's plans for the UK Budget and Comprehensive Spending Review, including replacement EU funding and future participation in EU programmes as well as fiscal flexibilities. There are also items relating to inter-governmental relations, including the Statement of Funding Policy and strengthening the finance machinery of government. We will also discuss areas of shared interest, including tackling climate change and Covid 19 (Coronavirus).

I will report to the Committee on the outcome of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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11 March 2020

Dear Llyr,

Further to my recent letter advising you of the Finance Quadrilateral on 10 March, I wish to feedback on discussions.

The meeting was constructive and I took the opportunity to emphasise the need for additional funding in Wales to tackle Covid 19 and to address the impact of recent flooding. After the meeting I issued a joint press notice with the Finance Ministers of Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Link to the Welsh Government press notice: <https://gov.wales/government-must-engage-devolved-administrations-eu-negotiations>

The Chief Secretary indicated that he is planning for a UK Spending Review in summer, and we expect a three year timeframe for this. We had a positive conversation on the Terms of Reference for the Quad and Statement of Funding Policy, and committed to continuing our collaborative work in developing these frameworks.

As expected, the Chief Secretary was unable to share details about the forthcoming Budget, but I look forward to providing a written statement to members once the Budget is published.

Yours sincerely,

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