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Dear Minister,

Covid-19: Support for Wales

You may be aware that I recently wrote to the **Secretary of State** requesting information on any funding provided to the Welsh Government to assist Wales as a result of Covid-19.

Whilst recognising that the Covid-19 outbreak is unprecedented, it is also important that the Assembly considers the Welsh Government's response to the situation. As you will be aware the Business Committee will shortly be considering the possibility of Committees meeting, and I believe that considering the financial response to the outbreak by UK Government and the Welsh Government is a high priority. Therefore, it would be helpful to receive details from you on funding decisions made to respond to Covid-19, including:

- the associated consequentials arising from UK funding allocations,
- Welsh Government allocations to support critical services, such as the NHS and social care, business, additional pressures on local government and other services;
- how the Welsh Government is prioritising spending.

Furthermore, in order to plan ahead it would be helpful if you could provide an update as to:

- Whether the UK budget announced earlier this year will result in an early supplementary budget,
- If the response to Covid-19 will result in an early supplementary budget,
- Should an early supplementary budget be likely the possible timescales associated with this, and



- Whether the exceptional and unprecedented circumstances around Covid-19 and/or the emergency funding relief scheme for the flooding earlier this year has resulted in the use of section 128 powers for 2019-20.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Finance Committee

