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Dear Minister,

Covid-19: Support for Wales

As you will be aware, on 13 July 2020 the Committee took evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales on the UK Government's financial response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members sought clarification on the calculations in relation to the announcement made by the Chancellor, that the Summer Economic Update confirmed an additional £500 million of COVID-19 funding for the Welsh Government through the Barnett formula. The UK Government said it is now providing £2.8 billion through the Barnett formula to help the Welsh Government support individuals, businesses and public services through COVID-19. However, you have said publicly that the Welsh Government is only receiving £12.5 million in consequentials from the Summer Statement.

The Secretary of State for Wales stood by the figures announced by the Chancellor and the Committee has requested details of HM Treasury's calculations.

Clearly, the Committee is concerned about the differing views between the two governments on the calculation of the settlement to Wales.

The Committee would be grateful if you could also share the Welsh Government's calculations of £12.5 million in consequential funding from the Chancellor's announcement.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Finance Committee

