

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP
Chief Secretary to the Treasury

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Dear Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I express our regret that you have declined our invitation to provide evidence to our [inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and the operation of the Fiscal Framework](#). Thank you for your offer to provide a written response to assist with our work, we would be grateful to receive this.

Nevertheless, given your responsibility for treasury interest in devolution to Wales, the Committee feels it is vital to hear from you and we would urge you to re-consider your attendance. As you will be aware the Wales Act has been in operation since 2014 and we felt it was a pertinent time to consider its operation and the effectiveness of the Fiscal Framework.

Whilst recognising the current ongoing pandemic is a priority for yourself, it is also clear from evidence that the way funding is distributed to Wales is an area causing confusion and it is important for us to consider how the fiscal framework could operate differently to ensure a clear and transparent funding system for Wales.

The Committee is able to offer a number of alternative dates and the Clerk would be happy to liaise with your officials to arrange a suitable date.



Yours sincerely,





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