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Dear Peredur,

I am writing in response to your letter of 9 May about the appointment and remuneration arrangements for the chair of the Wales Audit Office.

I note the committee proposes to recommend Dr Ian Rees as the preferred candidate for this role, for a maximum of four years.

Fair and consistent levels of remuneration are important, and I also note the committee are not looking to make any increases to the fees paid at this stage. The Welsh Government has a remuneration scheme covering public appointments. Rightly, given the necessary separation, the scheme does not cover the Wales Audit Office. Making direct comparisons may not be ideal, but I do note the current annual rate paid for this role is above the maximum equivalent offered under the Welsh Government's scheme.

I look forward to further engagement about the appointment of the Wales Audit Office chair in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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