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Thank you for your letter dated 4th July regarding additional proposed changes to the Budget Process Protocol and related budget procedures. These latest proposals relate to issues affecting Directly Funded Bodies.

Rather than responding to these additional proposals separately, I believe it would be appropriate to add them to the set of issues our officials continue to engage on. Subject to those discussions at official level, I am sure there are areas in relation to Directly Funded bodies on which we could agree.

I note from your proposed timetable that the Committee intends to agree a report and put it before the Senedd early in 2025. I would expect that the motion seeking approval of a new version of the Budget Process Protocol would contain only those revisions on which we have been able to agree. In this way, the report could expect to receive support from all Parties in plenary.

In the Chancellor's statement to Parliament on 29th July, she referred to the Budget Responsibility Bill to strengthen the fiscal and spending frameworks. She committed to one major fiscal event a year and a timetable for spending reviews. We will reflect on the implications of this for our own budgetary timetable and consider it in light of our ongoing discussions on the Budget Protocol.

I look forward to hearing about the positive outcome of our officials' discussions on this and other proposals for changes to the Protocol.

Yours sincerely,

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