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Mark Drakeford MS

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh  
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Dear Mark

### **Finance Committee Report: Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations**

During our budget scrutiny work in the Sixth Senedd to date, the Finance Committee has found time and again that the ability of the Welsh Government to make spending decisions is often hampered by intergovernmental structures, attitudes and processes that are outdated and not reflective of the territorial realities of the UK.

As a Committee, we therefore decided to undertake an inquiry into [Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations \(IGR\)](#) to look in depth at this topic and to shine a light on areas where improvements can be made.

I wish to thank your predecessor, Rebecca Evans MS, for attending the Finance Committee to give evidence on this important inquiry and I am pleased to inform you that we have now published our [report](#).

Since the Committee started its inquiry, significant changes have taken place, resulting in a new government at Westminster and changes in personnel within the Welsh Government and we believe this is a good opportunity to reset and cultivate more constructive relationships.

Taken together, our report's conclusions and recommendations provide a set of principles and examples of good practice on how IGR on fiscal matters can be improved

Fiscal devolution has led to budgetary decisions in the UK and Wales becoming more closely linked. As such, our report makes recommendations to both governments, and whilst UK Ministers are not directly accountable to the Senedd,



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I have written to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury urging him to consider our report and provide a response to the Committee.

A Plenary debate on the report has been provisionally scheduled for 11 December. I would be grateful to receive your response to our recommendations by **25 November** and I look forward to our continued engagement in pursuing these important issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peredur Owen Griffiths', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS  
Chair of the Finance Committee

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