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Dr Caoimhe Archibald
Minister of Finance
Northern Ireland Executive

Dear Minister

Finance Committee Report: Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations

Thank you for your letter of 29 May, which provided details on the nature of the Northern Ireland Executive's dispute with the UK Treasury. This information was very useful as the Committee considered our inquiry into Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations (IGR).

We will be very interested to hear the outcome of this dispute, including whether the resolution process used was sufficiently robust to deal with the issue in hand.

I am therefore pleased to inform you that we have now published our report. Taken together, our conclusions and recommendations provide a set of principles and examples of good practice on how IGR on fiscal matters within the UK can be improved.

As you may be aware the Northern Ireland Assembly's Finance Committee has recently joined the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum (IFCF). I have also written to my counterparts in Northern Ireland and Scotland to share the report as it provides a substantial body of evidence in support of issues we have previously discussed, and I hope that the IFCF can continue to collaborate and press for action in these areas of common concern.

The Committee will hold a Plenary debate on the report, provisionally scheduled for 11 December, and will be available to watch via Senedd.TV.



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Yours sincerely

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

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair of the Finance Committee

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