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Dear both,

**The Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2025-26**

To assist our scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2025-26, anticipated to be published on 10 December 2024, we would be grateful to receive further detail around the Welsh Government's proposed spending in relation to justice and the accessibility of Welsh law.

We intend to undertake our scrutiny of these proposals through correspondence; we would therefore be grateful to receive further detail within the areas set out in the annex by 8 January 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges

Chair

## Annex

### General

1. A breakdown of planned spending on justice-related actions within the 2025-26 draft budget and future indicative budgets, by Spending Programme Area (SPA), Action and Budget Expenditure Line (BEL), both revenue and capital, and, where relevant, year-on-year comparison to planned expenditure in 2024-25.
2. A detailed narrative description of any planned spending on justice in the 2025-26 draft budget and any year-on-year changes identified.
3. A summary of any work undertaken to improve the level of information provided on planned justice spending within the draft budget including detail on any changes made to the structure and presentation of the budget compared to previous years as a result.

### Delivering Justice for Wales

4. An overview of planned spending in 2025-26 on the Delivering Justice for Wales work programme including:
  - the outcomes the Welsh Government are hoping to deliver as a result of this spending;
  - an explanation of what areas of work will be prioritised in 2025-26; and
  - details of how this planned spend compares to expenditure on the Delivering Justice for Wales work programme in the current 2024-25 financial year.
5. Detail on planned spending on justice programmes in partnership with the Ministry of Justice in 2025-26.
6. An overview of any planned spending to prepare for the Welsh Government's ambition to devolve elements of the justice system to Wales.
7. An overview of any resources in the 2025-26 draft budget to take forward proposals for a new tribunals system for Wales, including the development of a Senedd Bill to reform the Tribunals.

### The Welsh Tribunals

8. An overview of the resources in the 2025-26 draft budget to support the Welsh Tribunals, and how the Welsh Government is working with the President of the Welsh Tribunals to ensure that there are no further instances of expenditure exceeding the budget available to the Tribunals, as stated in the President's [Annual Report for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2024](#).

## **The accessibility of Welsh law**

**9.** A breakdown of any planned spending within the 2025-26 draft budget relating to the delivery of the Welsh Government's programme to improve the accessibility of Welsh law.