

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

13 June 2025

Dear Mark

Meeting of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee

Thank you for [letter of 5 June 2025](#), in which you provided detailed information about agreed agenda items for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC), to be held on 26 June 2025.

The Committee noted your letter at our meeting on [9 June 2025](#). In that meeting we received evidence from the Deputy First Minister and from the Counsel General in respect of a number of matters, including the provision of information under the [inter-institutional relations agreement](#) and the UK Government's review of the *United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020*.

The Deputy First Minister told the Committee that further discussions on the financial assistance powers contained in the UK Internal Market Act, in light of the Welsh Government's objection to the use of such powers, would take place at the 26 June meeting of the F:ISC. The Committee has previously [expressed its disappointment](#) that the UK Government's review is not considering its financial assistance power, and as such the Committee welcomes the statement made by the Deputy First Minister about discussions in the F:ISC.

We note, however, that a discussion on this matter does not feature as one of the agenda items set out in your letter of 5 June. Given this Committee's interest, we would be grateful if you could include a summary of the F:ISC's deliberations on this topic when you next write to the Committee in respect of the meeting held on 26 June.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Finance Committee, Peredur Owen Griffiths MS.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

