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Dear both

The Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2026-27

To assist our scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2026-27, 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 13 November 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges
Chair

Annex

General

- 1.** A breakdown of planned spending on justice-related actions within the 2026-27 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 2025-26.
- 2.** A detailed narrative description of any planned spending on justice in the 2026-27 draft budget and, where relevant, 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 2026-27 on the Delivering Justice for Wales work programme including:
 - the outcomes the Welsh Government is hoping to deliver as a result of this spending;
 - an explanation of what areas of work will be prioritised in 2026-27; and
 - where relevant, details of how this planned spend compares to expenditure on the Delivering Justice for Wales work programme in the current 2025-26 financial year.
- 5.** Detail on planned spending on justice programmes in partnership with the Ministry of Justice in 2026-27.
- 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 2026-27 draft budget to take forward proposals for a new tribunals system for Wales.

The Welsh Tribunals

- 8.** An overview of the resources in the 2026-27 draft budget to support the operation of the Welsh Tribunals including:
 - action being taken to monitor the extent to which the resources provided will be sufficient to meet operational demands;

- detail about capital expenditure on IT systems modernisation.

The accessibility of Welsh law

9. A breakdown of any planned spending within the 2026-27 draft budget relating to the delivery of the Welsh Government's programme to improve the accessibility of Welsh law.