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Dear Auditor General for Wales

Response to the report *Fiscal devolution in Wales: an update on devolved Welsh taxes and Welsh rates of income tax (20 December 2018)*

I would like to thank you for this report. I am pleased that our progress over the past twelve months has been recognised, and I very much welcome the identification of the areas of focus made by the Wales Audit Office (WAO). We are confident that our future efforts are aimed in the right direction.

Engagement between the WAO and the Welsh Government has been active and constructive throughout the three reviews which have now taken place, and we are grateful for the collaborative relationship we have had with the WAO throughout this period.

As the report rightly identifies, we have achieved a great deal over the past few years and the work of the WAO through their formal reviews and continued engagement has provided valuable external input into a high profile and new area of capability for Wales.

Yours sincerely

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