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Via email

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Dear Nick

## **2nd Supplementary Budget 2018–19 Explanatory Memorandum**

Thank you for submitting your 2<sup>nd</sup> supplementary budget 2018–19 Explanatory Memorandum, which the Finance Committee considered at its meeting on 9 January 2019.

The Committee notes that the main change is to transfer funds with an aggregate value of £204,000 from resource/revenue headings to capital expenditure, which the Explanatory Memorandum explains relates to an IT infrastructure upgrade and enhancement of the case management system. However, the Committee also noted that £38,000 is being transferred into “Salaries and Related Costs”. The Explanatory Memorandum is silent on this change and, for transparency, we welcome further information on this proposed movement of funds.

We are expecting the 2nd Supplementary Budget motion to be tabled on 5 February 2019, and we will be reporting the week commencing 25 February 2019. To enable us to comment on your changes, we would welcome your response as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Llyr Gruffydd AM, Chair of the Finance Committee

