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Nick Ramsay AM Chair, Enterprise and Business Committee

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Dear Nick

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Thank you for your letter dated 10 December detailing the agenda for the budget scrutiny session. Whilst I am happy to provide the additional information requested at the 17 October Committee, I am concerned about the additional level of detail requested to support the February session.

For the October Committee I provided the six monthly update for Transport for 2013-14 and volunteered to also provide a similar update on a six monthly basis for Economy and Science.

The evaluation in terms of outcomes against the objectives in the Programme for Government will be reported in the Annual Statement for 2013-14 to be published in June 2014. The annual outturn report 2012-13 for Welsh Government is published at a Main Expenditure Group level for the Finance Committee.

I am happy to provide detailed information and attend additional sessions for specific strategic issues of interest to the Committee. However, I am concerned that providing detailed historic information across the portfolio will create a significant administrative burden in preparing the evidence paper. To assist the Enterprise and Business Committee I will provide some additional information but this will be limited to analysis at Action level for 2012-13 and high level objectives restated for the portfolio changes.

I look forward to your continued support.

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