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Wales Life Science Investment Fund

Dear Huw,

In September 2013 I raised concerns with you regarding the operation of the Wales Life Science Investment Fund which prompted you to undertake an investigation into the Fund.

While I welcome the work being undertaken by the Wales Audit Office and fully appreciate that there may sometimes be difficulties in finalising findings and recommendations. I am very concerned that a report is yet to be laid before the National Assembly for Wales for consideration by the Public Accounts Committee.

You have updated the Committee on a number of occasions advising us that your report has been subject to a problematic clearance process which is delaying publication – but I am alarmed that this seems to be taking much longer than is usually the case and that, as yet, you have not been able to provide a definitive timescale for the conclusion of your work.

The current situation is wholly unacceptable and is it making it increasingly difficult for the Committee to prepare a forward work plan to accommodate consideration of your report prior to the end of the Fourth Assembly.

Given the above and in the interests public accountability and transparency, I would request an urgent written update from you on the current status of your work along with explanations for the delays to date, details of the work which still



needs to be concluded and any concerns you may have regarding the clearance processes.

I look forward to receipt of your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Millar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darren Millar AM

Chair

