

**Mark Isherwood MS**

Chair, Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee  
Welsh Parliament  
Cardiff Bay  
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Dear Mr Isherwood,

**SENIOR STRUCTURE OF THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

I would like to make the Committee aware that I am putting in place from 1 April a new Group structure for the organisation, which will involve some changes to Director-General and associated Additional Accounting Officer roles and responsibilities.

The structure I am introducing will, I hope, allow the Welsh Government civil service to provide more direct support at a very senior level for Ministerial portfolios and Programme for Government delivery. It will also deliver a more balanced set of responsibilities for Directors-General and facilitate better cross-government working. I have discussed these proposals with the First Minister and, while he recognises that this is an issue for me as Permanent Secretary, he supports the changes.

I am attaching with this letter a chart, which shows the functions which will be aligned to each of the new Groups and, where it is known at the moment, the individuals who will be carrying out the new Director-General roles.

I will be designating the occupants of each of the Director-General posts as Additional Accounting Officers. I hope that the new arrangements will assist each of them to discharge those roles as effectively as possible and when I am issuing revised delegations, I will take the opportunity to remind each of them of the importance of their

working positively and constructively with the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee.

I am copying this letter to the Auditor General for Wales.

Yours,

*Andrew Goodall*

**Dr Andrew Goodall**

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