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Welsh Government

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Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024-25

Dear Jeremy,

Thank you for appearing at the Committee's meeting on Thursday, 11 January 2024 to give evidence for our scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2024-25. The Committee would like to follow-up on some issues discussed, and would be grateful to receive the additional information outlined below.

As discussed during the scrutiny session, in order for Cymraeg 2050 to be a success, the aims and objectives of the strategy need to be "mainstreamed" across the work of all government departments. Every Minister and Deputy Minister has an important role to play in supporting the development and growth of the language, to help build Welsh speaking capacity and create opportunities for its use across Wales. At present, the contribution each government department makes to the aims of Cymraeg 2050, and the impact of that work on Welsh language development is unclear to us.

The Committee wants to gain a fuller understanding of the range of activities and expenditure across government departments that are contributing towards Cymraeg 2050 objectives. As such, it is important to us that we have information about the wider impact of budget cuts in other governments departments on Welsh language policy development and interventions.

The Committee would also welcome an update following the planned discussions between officials, Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol, and the National Centre for Learning Welsh to better understand how the proposed budget cuts might affect post-16 Welsh language provision and Welsh learners.

The Committee understands that it will not be possible to provide this information in time to inform its scrutiny of the draft budget and before it is due to report its findings to the Senedd. We would nevertheless be grateful, however, if you could outline an indicative timeframe for collation and reporting of this information so that we might incorporate this into our future work plans.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jewell'.

Delyth Jewell MS
Committee Chair

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

