

Mick Antoniw MS

Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

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Dear Mick,

The Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2024-25

To assist our scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2024-25, anticipated to be published on 19 December 2023, we would be grateful to receive further detail around the Welsh Government's proposed spending in relation to justice, and the accessibility of Welsh law.

We intend to undertake our scrutiny of these proposals predominantly through correspondence; we would therefore be grateful to receive further detail within the areas set out in the annex by 8 January 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Huw Irranca-Davies

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Annex

General

- 1.** A breakdown of planned spending on justice-related actions within the 2024-25 draft budget and future indicative budgets, by Spending Programme Area (SPA), Action and Budget Expenditure Line (BEL), both revenue and capital, and, where relevant, year-on-year comparison to planned expenditure in 2023-24.
- 2.** A detailed narrative description of any planned spending on justice in the 2024-25 draft budget and any year-on-year changes identified.
- 3.** A summary of any work undertaken to improve the level of information provided on planned justice spending within the draft budget and detail on any changes made to the structure and presentation of the budget compared to previous years as a result.

Delivering Justice for Wales

- 4.** An overview of planned spending in 2024-25 on the Delivering Justice in Wales work programme including:
 - the outcomes the Welsh Government are hoping to deliver as a result of this spending;
 - an explanation of what areas of work will be prioritised in 2024-25; and
 - details of how this planned spend compares to expenditure on the Delivering Justice in Wales work programme in the current 2023-24 financial year.
- 5.** Detail on planned spending on justice programmes in partnership with the Ministry of Justice in 2024-25.
- 6.** An overview of any resources in the 2024-25 draft budget to take forward proposals for a new tribunals system for Wales.

The Future of Welsh Law

- 7.** A breakdown of any planned spending within the 2024-25 draft budget relating to the delivery of the Welsh Government's programme to improve the accessibility of the law.