

Jane Hutt, MS  
Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip

30 January 2024

Dear Jane,

**Draft Budget 2024/2025 – A request for further information**

Thank you for giving evidence on January 22 as part of our scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2024-2025. During the session you agreed to provide further details in a number of areas. We would be grateful if you could provide the following :

- Details of the outcomes of the Public Health Wales evaluation of the three pilot schemes on **early obesity prevention for children and families, which includes** supporting families with cookery skills in Anglesey, Merthyr Tydfil and Cardiff.
- A copy of the interim report on the basic income pilot for care-experienced young people
- An update on the progress made with stakeholders and officials on finding new ways to embed the work done by Chwarae Teg. Please can you clarify how Welsh Government has reallocated the funds previously designated for Chwarae Teg and confirm whether the money has been redirected towards other gender equality organisations, or returned to a central budget pool? If the latter, can you please confirm whether the funding of £366k previously allocated to Chwarae Teg will be available to other gender equality organisation in year?
- A breakdown of the funding given to the Welsh refugee consortium
- Details of the Phoenix and Reflect programme

**Evidence data units:**

During the session you committed to providing the Committee with more examples of how data from the Equalities, Poverty and Children's Evidence and Support data units has been used to identify the groups and individuals most affected by Welsh Government budgetary decisions? You indicated that you would be willing to attend a future meeting to discuss their work in more detail. I would be grateful if your officials could please liaise with the Clerking Team to find a mutually convenient slot for this to happen.

Given the timescales for reporting on the Draft Budget, we would be grateful to receive this information no later than close of play on 2 February 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jenny Rathbone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'J'.

Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee  
Welsh Parliament

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.