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Dear Jocelyn,

Finance Committee's legacy – Financial scrutiny of legislation

Thank you for your letter of 04 November on the Committee's legacy work; its interest in Regulatory Impact Assessments; and for the invitation to discuss a very important subject (and for your flexibility in scheduling a date for the session).

From the outset, can I just say how proud I am of what has been achieved, in this, the first Assembly term with primary legislative powers and the civil service's part in it. There are now 22 acts on the statute book.

That is not to say, of course, that valuable improvements to the way that legislation is developed and delivered, including assessments of its impact, cannot be made. I am aware of the Committee's work to date on this subject, and I know that colleagues have been working to respond to the Committee's recommendations, both as they deliver this legislative programme and plan improvements for the next.

In addition, the Public Policy Institute Wales is currently doing a study into the Welsh Government's approach to impact assessment more generally, which I hope will be another contribution to the organisation's maturity in completing this critical work.

I very much welcome the Committee's continued interest in this subject and look forward to the session in the New Year.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Government Business.

Yours,
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