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Arwngi Simon,

Ahead of this week's Budget scrutiny session at Finance Committee, I wanted to set out my intention to restructure the draft Budget 2018-19 in accordance with the new Ministerial portfolios following the Cabinet reshuffle.

Both the outline and detailed draft Budget proposals – published on October 3 and 24 respectively – reflect the structure of the Welsh Government Ministerial portfolios at the time.

In order to provide full transparency of the Welsh Government's Budget and our spending plans, it is my intention to restate the Main Expenditure Group (MEG) BEL tables, which were published as part of the detailed spending proposals on October 24, in line with the new portfolio structures.

This will be a purely administrative exercise to regularise changes to the new structures and Ministerial portfolios. In restating the budget tables, we will provide a reconciliation between those published in October and the new structures. As part of this exercise, we will also restate the 2017-18 Budget position to support the scrutiny of the Second Supplementary Budget later this financial year.

The revised MEG BEL tables are currently being reviewed by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers. I will publish the tables ahead of the draft Budget debate on 5 December.

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I am copying this letter to the Chairs of the policy committees.

In gyroir,
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