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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 13 August 2019 requesting written information to inform your scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2020-21. As you note, there has been an unprecedented level of uncertainty regarding the timing of this year's budget which has proved extremely challenging in the development of spending plans for the future.

On 9 August, the UK Government confirmed it would conduct a 'fast-tracked' one-year spending round to be completed in September, with a multi-year Spending Review to be carried out in 2020. On 15 August the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd issued a Written Statement in response. This confirmed some uncertainty remains about what a fast-tracked spending round in September means in terms of the UK Government's plans for the Autumn Budget, and that she will provide a further update on the implications for Wales once further details are available.

Once there is further clarity, I look forward to formalising dates for my oral evidence session at a mutually convenient time. In the meantime, I am grateful for the committee's continued understanding on this issue, and welcome the advance notice of the written information you require to inform budget scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,

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