

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS  
Chair, Finance Committee

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Dear Peredur

### **Budget timetable 2022-23**

As required by Standing Order 20.2, the Business Committee has been formally notified that the Government intends to publish the outline and detailed proposals of the 2022-23 Draft Budget together on 20 December 2022, and to publish the final Budget on 1 March 2022. I am writing to seek the views of the Finance Committee on the proposed deadline for you to report on the draft budget, as required by Standing Order 20.4.

In determining this deadline, Standing Order 20.5(i) states that the Finance Committee must normally be given eight weeks to report on the outline budget proposals, while Standing Order 20.5(ii) requires that other committees have at least five weeks to consider the detailed budget proposals, within the timeframe set by the above dates notified to us by the Government.

The Trefnydd has indicated that the government intends to schedule the debate on the draft budget for Tuesday 8 February 2022. This would require the Finance Committee and other committees to report by Tuesday 1 February 2022.

In her letter, the Trefnydd indicated that there was uncertainty this year regarding the UK Government's intentions for a Comprehensive Spending Review. Should it be possible to do so, the Welsh Government would look to bring forward its budget earlier in the autumn, and for the Business Committee to revise the timetable accordingly.



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I would be grateful for your views on the proposed timetable as soon as is practicably possible, to enable the Business Committee to publish the timetable for the consideration of the budget soon after the summer recess. I'd be grateful also for your views on the possibility of amending the timetable as described, should the government request to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elin Jones".

**Elin Jones MS**

Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

