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Finance Committee

Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales Lindsay Foyster, Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board

26 September 2022

Dear Adrian and Lindsay,

Supplementary Estimate 2022-23

Thank you for appearing before the Committee to answer our questions on your Supplementary Estimate 2022-23 to fund the costs associated with relocating your Cardiff office. Having reflected on the Explanatory Memorandum, accompanying letter and the evidence you provided at the meeting, the Committee agrees in principle to the funding request.

The Committee also notes the consultation on your Fee Scales for 2023-24, which includes the proposal to switch some currently fee funded performance audit work to be funded through the Welsh Consolidated Fund. When we initially discussed this proposal during our scrutiny of the Estimate for 2022-23, you indicated that the Welsh Government was broadly supportive of the proposal. Should the feedback from audited bodies lead to the proposal being pursued in 2023-24, it will also be necessary to demonstrate the Welsh Government's formal support for the funding switch. Therefore, the Committee would be grateful if you could clarify the Welsh Government's position on this issue prior to presenting your Estimate 2023-24 in November.

Yours sincerely,

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS Chair, Finance Committee

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. / We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

