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Annwyl Simon,

In July, it will be ten years since First Minister Rhodri Morgan and Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones announced the launch of the *Independent Commission on Funding and Finance for Wales* – soon to become known as the 'Holtham Commission' – kick-starting Wales' journey to fiscal devolution.

Since then, a great many people have helped the successive Welsh Governments and National Assemblies to reach our current position: the first Welsh taxes for hundreds of years; a permanent positive adjustment to the Barnett formula; capital and revenue borrowing provisions; and preparations in train for the introduction of Welsh rates of income tax.

These are momentous changes, and to mark the decade I am intending to invite some of the significant contributors to an early evening gathering on 16 July. It will be an opportunity to thank them for their help, acknowledge what has been achieved, and look ahead to some of the next challenges on the horizon.

The Finance Committee has played an important part in this process, and I will be inviting members past and present. However I also wondered whether, as chair of the committee, you would be prepared jointly to host the event with me?

Our offices can discuss the details but I hope you, and the other members of the committee, will be able to attend.

Yn gywir,
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