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Dear Huw

Scrutiny of the WAO accounts etc

Thank you for your attendance at the Finance Committee on 5 July 2018. As you will be aware we would normally consider the Annual Report and Accounts, the Annual Plan and the RSM report during our autumn scrutiny session. However, on this occasion, due to your impending departure the Committee was keen to ensure that it was able to take evidence from yourself on the final WAO accounts prepared by you in your role as Accounting Officer. We found this a useful session, however, I wanted to let you know that we will not be reporting until the autumn when we publish our report on the WAO estimate. This report will be published by 22 November on the Committee's webpage, but if you'd like to receive a hard copy please let my clerking team know.

The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2014 (PAWA)

At the session on the 5 July we also considered possible changes to the PAWA. The Committee was grateful for the information you provided during the evidence session and welcomed the opportunity to consider the revised Act/draft Bill and Explanatory Notes you provided. Whilst the Committee notes your concerns over the legislation, before making a final decision on whether to proceed we consider



that we would need to take the view of Adrian Crompton, when he takes up post as the new Auditor General for Wales, therefore we will raise this issue with Adrian when we see him in the autumn term.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the work you have undertaken at the Wales Audit Office over the past seven years and as a Committee we wish you well in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Simon Thomas

Chair

