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National Assembly for Wales
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Your ref:
Our ref: EJ/BG

10 July 2019

Dear Llyr

Budget timetable 2020-21

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 2020-21 Draft Budget together on 10 December, and to publish the final Budget on 3 March 2020. I am writing to you 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 11 February 2020. This would require the Finance Committee and other committees to report by Tuesday 4 February 2020.



In her letter, the Trefnydd indicated that there was unprecedented uncertainty this year regarding the UK Government's intentions for a spending review, and the timing of its budget. 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.

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 would 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". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elin Jones AM
Llywydd
Chair, Business Committee

