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Inquiry into Future Funding

Thank you for your letter of 3 June inviting me to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee as part of your inquiry into Future Funding for Wales.

As you are aware the Government is committed to implementing the St David's Day agreement in full, which includes the introduction of a floor in the level of relative funding provided to the Welsh Government. This is in the expectation that the Welsh Government will call a referendum on the devolution of income tax to Wales. Discussions on these issues are ongoing, and I must decline your request to give evidence on this occasion.

I wish you well with your inquiry and will await your report with interest.

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP Secretary of State for Wales