

Jane Hutt AC / AM
Y Gweinidog Cyllid a Busnes y Llywodraeth
Minister for Finance and Government Business



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-436
Ein cyf/Our ref JH/00055/16

William Powell AM
Chair
Petitions Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff
CF99 1NA

12 February 2016

Dear William,

The Committee has requested an update on the issues raised in the petition relating to public finance statistics for Wales. There have been a number of developments on revenue and expenditure data for Wales since I last wrote to you regarding this petition.

The Welsh Government already publishes data relating to its own finances and those of local authorities in Wales. As I informed the Finance Committee in response to its inquiry on best practice budget processes, these will be developed to take account of devolved taxes. The UK Government continues to publish estimates of public spending in Wales and UK taxes raised in Wales.

In a separate development, the Office for National Statistics is considering developing public sector finance statistics for UK countries and English regions, a proposition they will consult on later this month. The Wales Governance Centre is also undertaking a project to estimate government revenue and expenditure in Wales.

In summary, there are a number of existing and potential data sources relating to public finance statistics for Wales. The Welsh Government will continue to publish information relating to its own finances and those of local authorities in Wales.

*Best wishes,
Jane*

Jane Hutt AC / AM
Y Gweinidog Cyllid a Busnes y Llywodraeth
Minister for Finance and Government Business

Bae Caerdydd • Cardiff Bay
Caerdydd • Cardiff
CF99 1NA

English Enquiry Line 0300 0603300
Llinell Ymholiadau Cymraeg 0300 0604400
Correspondence: Jane.Hutt@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.