

Mark Isherwood MS
Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Mark

Annual scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales

I am writing to draw your attention to the Finance Committee's report on its annual scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office and Auditor General for Wales. During scrutiny, we considered the significant delay in laying the Welsh Government Consolidated Accounts 2020-21.

In his evidence, the Auditor General explained that he kept the Senedd informed of the delay through your Committee. He also indicated that he would welcome clarification of the expectations placed on him by Members, should he be unable to meet the four month statutory deadline for completing an audit of accounts in future.

As the Finance Committee is responsible for oversight of the governance of the Wales Audit Office and office of the Auditor General, we believe it is important that we are notified directly of such instances. Therefore, without prejudice to the work of your Committee, we have made the following recommendation:

Recommendation 5. The Committee recommends that the Auditor General formally notifies the Chair of the Finance Committee in writing if he is unable to complete an audit within the four month statutory deadline.

Yours sincerely



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