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Dear Chair,

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT ON PROGRESS IN THE FURTHER EDUCATION
SECTOR: ESTATES MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT**

The Clerk's letter of 16 November 2006 requested my advice on the Welsh Assembly Government's response to the recommendations made by the Audit Committee in its report *Progress in the further education sector: estates management and procurement*.

The response of the Welsh Assembly Government is very positive, accepting all three recommendations and providing clear information about the action that is being taken in each case.

Members might recall that, in view of their ongoing interest in these matters, they also asked me to provide a further update memorandum at an appropriate point in the future. Unless circumstances change, I propose to provide this update after the sector has had the opportunity to digest the results of its disability access survey now planned for the autumn of 2007.

I hope that you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

**Jeremy Colman
Auditor General for Wales**