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Dear *Bill*

During my recent Oral Assembly Questions you asked a supplementary question about the apparent deficit in the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) budget of £14.6 million for 2015-16. I undertook to write to you with the definitive figures.

Natural Resources Wales manages its budgets responsibly on a rolling basis. There is no budget deficit for this financial year (2014/15) because NRW managed it down from the £11.9m to zero. This figure was also quoted in the briefing document you referred to, dated January 2014.

The forecast deficit of £14.6m for the financial year 2015/16 has already been managed down to £8m and Natural Resources Wales is continuing to work to address this so it will be operating within budget by the start of 2015/16.

Yours sincerely

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