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*Dear Darren,*

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Thank you for your letter of 13 January 2015 about the process for responding to PAC reports. This issue has also been recognised by Welsh Government officials dealing with responses to the PAC. There have been some instances recently when the appropriate approach has not been entirely clear and, as a consequence, I welcome the opportunity to clarify matters with the PAC and the Auditor General for Wales.

I think we are all of the view that some face to face discussion between the Welsh Government, PAC and Welsh Audit Office is the best way forward here. Colleagues in our Corporate Governance Unit have already been in touch with Michael Kay and Richard Harries to arrange a working session in the coming weeks to explore the process. This work will inform our meeting on 04 March.

By this means, I hope we can ensure that the guidance to all participants in this process is appropriate and consistent.

*Yours,*  
*Derek*