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Simon Thomas AM  
Chair  
Finance Committee

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Dear Simon,

On 7 December, I attended Finance Committee and gave evidence regarding the Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Bill. In the initial update I provided in my letter of 21 December 2017, I gave a commitment to write to the Committee about discussions taking place between the Welsh Government and Her Majesty's Treasury in relation to the estimated impacts of the Bill and the fiscal framework.

Welsh Treasury officials have discussed the policy with officials from Her Majesty's Treasury in the context of the funding arrangements set out in the Statement of Funding Policy and fiscal framework. We have also shared the Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment for the Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Bill with Her Majesty's Treasury and stand ready to discuss the details of the Bill as appropriate. The fiscal framework states behavioural effects will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. There is no expectation that financial adjustments will be made as a result of introducing a minimum price for alcohol.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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