Dear Suzy

Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013

I am writing further to your letter of 9 May 2019 in respect of the Finance Committee’s consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013, which the Committee considered at its meeting on 23 May 2019.

The Committee would like to invite Assembly Commission officials with overarching responsibility for delivering the duties placed on the Assembly by the Act to an evidence session on Thursday 11 July, 10.30-11.10. To inform this session, the Committee would be grateful to receive a written submission detailing:

- the administrative, compliance and other costs of delivering the functions relating to the oversight of the Wales Audit Office (set out in Standing Order 18.10-18.11),
- the timescales over which such costs have occurred, and
- any reflections or issues identified with the operation of the Act to date (e.g. with regard to the fee regime).

It would be helpful to receive your response by 27 June 2019. The Clerking team would be happy to meet Assembly officials to discuss the requested written submission in more detail. Should you require any clarification or further information, please contact: Georgina Owen, Committee Clerk, 0300 200 6387, SeneddFinance@assembly.wales.

Yours sincerely

Llyr Gruffydd AM

Chair