



Eich cyf/Our ref:

Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Chair – Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Welsh Parliament
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Dear Huw,

Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

Following a review of the transcript for the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill evidence session which was held by the Committee on 11 December 2023, it has come to our attention that two matters ought to be clarified.

The first matter relates to the statement recorded in paragraph 79 of the transcript. It was said that "the new paragraph 8C would be a power to amend some of the reliefs and exemptions". The reference to "exemptions" was incorrect as the power in the new paragraph 8C of Schedule 4ZA relates only to reliefs. The new paragraph 8C is found in section 5 (powers to confer, vary and withdraw reliefs) of the Bill.

The second matter relates to the statement recorded in paragraph 84 of the transcript. It was said that the King's consent would be sought in relation to "reliefs and exemptions, section 5". Section 5 of the Bill only relates to reliefs, so exemptions should not have been referred to in this case either.

Yours sincerely,

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