

Y Pwyllgor Cyfrifon Cyhoeddus Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Professor Riordan,

At its meeting on 15 July, the Public Accounts Committee was updated on the National Fraud Initiative 2012-13. The Committee welcomes the contribution the Initiative makes to the reduction of overpayment and fraud, and is supportive of the Auditor General for Wales's efforts in encouraging more publically-funded organisations to participate in the NFI.

While I understand that Cardiff University and Glyndwr University already participate in the initiative voluntarily, the Committee would urge all universities to engage in the next NFI exercise, due to begin in October 2014. Participation in data-matching exercises run by the Auditor General will allow further fraud and overpayments to be detected and prevented.

I am copying this letter to all Vice Chancellors in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren Millar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Darren Millar AM
Chair**