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Dear Darren,

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Thank you for your letter dated 15 July requesting a response from the Welsh Government to the Auditor General for Wales report: *Regeneration Investment Fund for Wales*.

Whilst your letter is addressed to directly me, I have in this instance asked Owen Evans, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Education and Public Services, to lead on the development of the Welsh Government's response. Given the complexity of the issue, and a period of annual leave I will be taking out of the country in August, I believe this is the best course of action.

I understand that the PAC Clerk has sought reassurance that cross-departmental consideration will be given to the recommendations. I would like to give the PAC my personal assurance that a whole-government response will indeed be produced which takes into account how the recommendations will apply across the organisation.

Your letter also requests a copy of the Gilbert Lloyd and Deloitte Reports referred to in the Auditor General's report. My colleague John Howells has discussed these reports with the PAC Clerk and explained that further work is required before they can be provided to the Committee.

With the timing of this and the impending summer break in mind, I understand that the submission of both the Welsh Government response to the Auditor General's report and reports requested in your letter by the beginning of September is acceptable to the PAC. With your agreement we will let the Committee have the material requested by 04 September.

Yours,  
Derek