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Dear James,

Public Accounts Committee – Circuit of Wales

I am replying to your letter of today's date.

I am very disappointed that your senior officials involved in the Circuit of Wales are unable to attend the Public Accounts Committee meeting on 26 June. This session has been scheduled since 12 May following publication of the Auditor General for Wales's report – the Welsh Government's initial funding of the Circuit of Wales –project on 24 April.

I am surprised that Mr McGuire and Mr Munday would still be completing the due diligence process the day before Cabinet are considering the project, as announced by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure during questions in plenary this afternoon.

I have spoken to Committee Members and the majority view is that we continue with the session as planned. However, I am writing to ask that you can strongly reconsider the decision not to bring Mr McGuire and Mr Munday and release the witnesses to attend Committee as scheduled. The Committee have also requested that Mr McGuire and Mr Munday make themselves to available to the Committee for one of our scheduled meetings in July if there are any outstanding questions, and we understand that they have no availability for the proposed dates which we find unacceptable.



I am copying this letter to Public Accounts Committee Members and the Permanent Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Ramsay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Nick Ramsay AM
Chair

