

RESTRICTED



HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

Darren Millar AM
Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
CF99 1NA

21 May 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Millar".

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES -
HOUSING

I am writing in response to your invitation to give evidence at your inquiry on the basis of the Wales Audit Office's report 'Progress in delivering the Welsh Housing Quality Standards.' I apologise for the delay responding to your original letter.

The Statement of Funding Policy (2.7) says that "UK Ministers may, if invited, attend the Scottish Parliament, and the Welsh and Northern Irish Assemblies to explain the budget allocation." In general, Treasury ministers therefore appear in front of devolved committees after one off fiscal events such as the Spending Review. As housing is a devolved matter I feel it more appropriate in this case for the committee to take evidence from those with direct responsibility for housing policy in Wales. However, I would be happy to provide written evidence to the committee if there are any specific matters relating to United Kingdom Government housing policy.

Best wishes

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Alexander".

DANNY ALEXANDER

RESTRICTED