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Dear Nick,

Following Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd of 13 January I have been asked to clarify how the £3.4m disallowance imposed by the European Commission is being managed.

The disallowance has been accommodated within the ERA MEG.

I believe it is also important to put this disallowance into context. Corrections of this nature for minor non-compliance is usual for Member States, and Wales' record for minimising disallowance is one of the best in Europe.

The mistakes which led to disallowance are unfortunate, but officials have taken corrective action and improved processes to mitigate the risk of reoccurrence. A specific example involved three projects re-tendered under full OJEU procurement procedures, and in all cases, the contracts were secured by existing suppliers.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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