

**Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU AR WAITH Y PRIF WEINIDOG
COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF THE FIRST MINISTER**

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Wales



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Dear First Minister,

Scrutiny Session: 7 December 2010

Firstly, may I thank you and your officials for attending the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister session on 7 December, to answer Members' questions on the activities of the Welsh Government.

The Committee had decided before the meeting to concentrate on the recent announcements of the Comprehensive Spending Review and the Welsh Government's draft budget. The Committee is grateful to you for responding candidly to our questions on these matters and others raised during the meeting, including:

- One Wales strategic priorities and commitments;
- The Efficiency and Innovation Board;
- The Barnnet Formula and the Holtham Report;
- The equality and geographical impact of the Welsh Government's budget;
- Public sector job losses;
- Non-domestic rates;
- The administration of justice tribunals;
- EU structural funds.

During the course of the meeting, you agreed to provide the Committee with further information on the following issues by means of a follow-up paper:

- The benchmarking exercise being undertaken by the efficiency and innovation board;
- How the West Wales and the Valleys has performed over the past ten years on measures of Gross Value Added (GVA) and Gross Domestic Household Income (GDHI);
- How progress on eliminating child poverty is measured.

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The Committee agreed to meet again in March 2011, after the referendum on moving to Part 4 of the Government of Wales Act 2006. The Clerk will be in touch with your office to arrange a convenient date and time.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Melding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

David Melding AM
Chair of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister