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To:
Assembly Members

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Dear Colleague

Provisional Police Settlement 2016-17

During the week beginning 14 December, I intend to announce the Provisional Police Settlement for Wales for 2016-17. This will provide details of the Welsh Government component of settlement funding to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for policing in Wales for the year. As the announcement will fall during a National Assembly for Wales Recess, I am issuing this letter today to ensure Members are aware of my plans.

My announcement will set out the provisional amounts of core funding (from Revenue Support Grant and redistributed Non-Domestic Rates) which the Welsh Government intends to provide for each police force area. The timing of the announcement is in line with the Home Office plans for announcing the amount of Police Grant it proposes to provide to forces across England and Wales for 2016-17. My statement will coincide with a parallel announcement by the Home Secretary in Parliament. As police funding is not wholly devolved, the overall package of central funding is determined by the Home Office's decisions on Police Grant. Members will understand it would not be appropriate to release details of the Welsh Government contribution to police funding at any other time.

The timing of the Provisional Settlements for England and Wales reflects the later than usual announcement of the UK Government's spending plans and the outcome of the 2015 Spending Review. The late statement also has implications for the timing of the publication of the Draft and Final Budgets and, in consequence, the timing of the Final Police Settlement announcement for Wales. I will set out these implications in more detail with the Provisional Settlement. My aim is to ensure that police bodies in Wales are able to set their budgets and council tax precepts for 2016-17 in line with the statutory timetables.

Should Members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this matter when the Assembly returns I would be happy to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leighton Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a long, thin horizontal line that tapers to an arrowhead on the right side.

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Y Gweinidog Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus
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