## Grŵp yr Ysgrifennydd Parhaol Permanent Secretary's Group



Our ref: ATISN 16523 Date: 05 August 2022

Dear ,

## **ATISN 16523**

Thank you for your request which was received on 1 August 2022. You asked for the following information with regard to payments to HM Treasury for forecasts:

how much does HM treasury receive in total with respect to devolved tax forecasts? Does HM treasury receive any other funds from the Welsh Government with regards to forecasts of any kind? If so how much? Please send a breakdown of these payments.

The Welsh Government has made a payment of £100k each year since 2019-20 to the Office for Budget Responsibility for work undertaken on devolved tax forecasts. This is in line with the arrangements set out in the <u>Agreement on the Welsh Government's fiscal framework | GOV.WALES</u> for forecasts of devolved tax revenues to be made independently of the Welsh Government.

The payment is routed via HM Treasury but is passed on in full to the Office for Budget Responsibility which produces forecasts of the devolved taxes for the Welsh Government. Details of the arrangements and forecast reports can be found here: Welsh tax forecasts - Office for Budget Responsibility (obr.uk). As such, the Welsh Government does not pay HM Treasury for devolved tax forecasts and neither does it pay HM Treasury for other forecasts.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales



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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely