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Dear Peter

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ARMS LENGTH MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONS

During Plenary on 1 October you asked me if I was aware that the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister was hoping to bring out a consultation paper on freedoms and flexibility's of Arms Length Management Organisations.

I have since asked my officials to provide more detailed information on related developments in England.

My officials advise that the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister is considering the release of a consultation paper on this issue by the end of the year, but this will be subject to ongoing discussions with Treasury. These discussions are at an early stage and, consequently the timing of any resulting consultation paper has not been determined.

My officials will remain in close contact with their counterparts in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister to ensure that we are kept informed of ongoing developments. Should a consultation paper be issued it will be reviewed and considered in a Welsh context.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Members library.

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