



Llyr Gruffydd AM  
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Finance Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
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Dear Llyr,

Thank you for your letter of 2 May.

In Jim Harra's response to you on 14 May, he outlined details of the recent issue with the application of the Welsh 'C' tax code. This occurred as a result of some employers not correctly applying the codes, provided by HMRC, to their employees.

I have been assured by HMRC that mitigating action to help employers fix this error are well underway. A scan will be undertaken in June to assess the scale of the problem, and again in September to ascertain to what extent the issues have been rectified.

If you would find it helpful, officials from HMRC and Welsh Treasury would be happy to provide the Committee with a technical briefing to take Members through the end-to-end income tax process, including roles and responsibilities of HMRC, employers and employees. They could also provide you with further details of the taxpayer identification work that has been undertaken to date and business-as-usual plans to maintain the database of taxpayers living in Wales.

I am copying this letter to the First Minister, Jim Harra, Deputy Chief Executive and Second Permanent Secretary, HMRC and Debbie Alder, Director General of Human Resources, DWP.

Yours sincerely,

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