
Chair of the UK Statistics Authority, Sir David Norgrove

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(*via email*)

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Dear Ms Williams,

Thank you for your letter of 6 December about comparisons by the Welsh Conservatives of school funding in England and Wales.

I am pleased to hear that your officials are in discussions with NASUWT, the source of the estimates in question. The different funding arrangements in the two countries mean there is likely always to be different views on the best estimate, which makes it the more important that the basis for estimates used in public debate is transparent and accessible to all. We hope your discussions with NASUWT will provide an opportunity to agree on the most robust methods as well as ensure greater transparency in its approach to estimating comparisons between England and Wales.

I am copying this letter to the Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education, Suzy Davies AM.

Yours sincerely,



Sir David Norgrove