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MEETING NOTE

KN REF:	INV-1313-2020		
TITLE/ORGANISATION:	Finance Ministers Trilateral Call to discuss Covid budget issues, fiscal flexibilities and the UK Spending		
DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday 06/10/2020 @ 12:30		
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/> PB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clare House	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
LIST OF ATTENDEES:	<i>Minister Rebecca Evans (Wales) and Ms Kate Forbes (Scotland)</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SpAd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS	
OFFICIALS:	Joanne McBurney Jeff McGuinness		
OTHERS:	Daniel Hinze Alex Bevan		
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:			
<p>Statements being delivered, Wales - 4pm and Scotland - 2pm</p> <p>Catch up on the issues. Non-contentious</p> <p>NI resurgence of virus – looking to HMT for assistance</p> <p>Circuit-break possible</p> <p>Wales will be looking to HMT too as half of councils are in local restrictions</p> <p>Scotland – In a similar space trying to get balance right with local v national support.</p> <p>Michael Gove’s office – 3 level approach with financial consequence at each level.</p> <p>Anecdotally - Whitehall will make an announcement later in the week.</p> <p>CM - Need to be able to sync approach between NI and Whitehall.</p> <p>Looking at a system for providing assistance following end of furlough – UK Govt 500m fund that can be drawn on</p> <p>£500m econ resilience fund in Wales (was repurposed from other welsh budgets). £40m ring fenced for businesses</p> <p>£340m funding for reconstruction (mixture 100m capital , revenue largely Barnett</p> <p>NI ability to replicate a furlough scheme is zero.</p>			

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CM – Referred to topics covered in his statement, assume still same issues to be raised by DAs

Wales – agreed but still no detail from HMT. Do we seek another guarantee for next 3 months?

Scotland – Need to know what funding is available – self isolation payments being announced by Scotland on 12 Oct.

Still a lot of uncertainties.

Budget generally – need to push hard on clarity from Westminster.

NI been told at top end of Guarantee too as is the case with Wales.

Irrelevant & Sensitive

Two key issues **Irrelevant & Sensitive** funding for lockdown – try to focus on specific issues at meetings.

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Timeframe and funding envelope are key but have been overtaken by Covid response.

ISSUES AGREED:

All DAs agreed to keep dialogue continuing as situation evolves.

Continue to press for meeting with Chancellor.

ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:

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