

Finance Minister calls for transparency and clarity ahead of UK government's Spring Statement

Finance Minister, Rebecca Evans, said:

"Today is another opportunity for the Chancellor to confirm, once and for all, that austerity is over for good. We have weathered 9 long years of austerity and it's now time to see some clear evidence that this statement is true.

"Last month I pressed the Chief Secretary of the Treasury for clarity on a number of financial issues relating to Brexit, particularly with the threat of a no-deal Brexit still on the horizon. It is absolutely vital that Wales is at the heart of decision-making and is able to prepare for the impact of Brexit.

"I want reassurances from the Chancellor that more funding will come to Wales in the event of a no-deal Brexit and a commitment for meaningful dialogue between the UK government and devolved nations about these challenges.

"I will also be looking for the Chancellor to use the Spring Statement as an opportunity to provide more details about the forthcoming spending review."