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National Assembly Members

11 March 2020

Dear Assembly Member,

As you are aware, Welsh Government has made up to £2.5 million emergency grant funding available to support businesses severely impacted by floods caused by Storms Ciara, Dennis and Jorge.

We made this announcement at the earliest opportunity, as Welsh businesses simply cannot wait for clarity as to whether or not the UK Government will offer any emergency funding. To date, we have merely been told that support would be 'passported', but with no indication as to when or how much money will be available. Such a delayed and unclear response to the floods by the UK Government is unacceptable.

The Welsh Government Business Flood Relief Grant Fund is administered by Business Wales and available to support Small and Medium Enterprises with the immediate costs of recovery from damage and disruption caused by the storms, where businesses are not insured. A sum of £2,500 is available per business to help them remain solvent through disrupted trading periods.

The Fund is open to applications between 11 March and 20 August 2020, subject to availability of funding. The application form and guidance which is available online via <https://businesswales.gov.wales/flood-relief-fund> or by contacting the Business Wales Helpline on 03000 6 03000. Any business that has already contacted Business Wales to express their interest in applying for the Flood Relief Grant since it was announced will automatically be issued with the application form and guidance.

Alternatively, businesses can write to the Business Flood Relief Fund, Business Wales, Bocam Park, Unit 14/15 Oldfield Road, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5LJ or email floodrelieffund@businesswales.org.uk

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Should a business in your constituency requires help with their application or indeed more general support, they can speak to their local Business Wales team or call the Helpline on the number above. Live chat is also available via www.businesswales.gov.wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

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