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Dear David

Following your question in Plenary, I agreed to write to you with further details of Assembly Government support to the fashion industry.

We support a host of projects covering both the manufacture and design of clothing. For example, the Welsh Clothing and Textile Association (WCTA) Objective One Project was recently launched in Caernarfon aimed at establishing a Centre offering assistance with Design Facilities, Networking, Trade Shows, Graduate Support, Marketing and Sample Manufacture.

The Shared Technology Resource Centre (STRC) in Carmarthen, a Knowledge Exploitation funded programme will provide Computer Aided Design, and Manufacturing Services, and a Pattern Cutting Facility free of charge to Companies based in Objective One Assisted Areas. Also, Skillfast UK (the Sector Skills Council for Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Related Industries) are launching "The Skills for Enterprise Wales" project funded by ELWa, to promote skills and deliver training development assistance to businesses.

In addition, the WDA / Design Wales offer a free of charge Colour and Trend Library based at UWIC in Cardiff which provides a full range of leading market publications detailing trend projections for both Colour and Inspiration. Team Wales are supporting Welsh SME's in Objective One Assisted Areas to exhibit at both the ISPO in Munich and Premier Vision in Paris.

Yours
Rhodri