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Dear Nick

I am writing in response to your written question (WAQ57053) to the First Minister asking for details of the total of number of lawyers employed by the Welsh Assembly Government in each of the last three years.

Please find details below:-

In 2008-09 (figures as of 30 June), 86.6 lawyers (full-time equivalent) and 3 trainee solicitors were employed.

In 2009-10 (figures as of 30 June), 89.7 lawyers (full-time equivalent) and 7 trainee solicitors were employed.

In 2010-11 (figures as of 30 June), 93.9 lawyers (full-time equivalent) and 6 trainee solicitors were employed.

The increase in the number of lawyers during the last three years were due to a number of factors - to cover maternity leave or to undertake a specific project to which a business need was justified. Some of these posts were time limited in nature and were generally undertaken by casuals or secondees.

Yours Sincerely

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