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Nick Bourne AM
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff

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Dear Nick

Below is a response to your Written Assembly Questions. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on how many officials accompanied him to the meeting with Welsh Members of Parliament on 13 January 2011. (WAQ56950)

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What was the total cost of the Minister's meeting with Members of Parliament on 13 January 2011, and by what mode of transport did you and your officials travel to/from the meeting. (WAQ56951)

Carl Sargeant: My meeting in London on 13 January was to brief Welsh MPs and peers on the Welsh clauses of the Localism Bill. The Bill is cross-cutting and deals with matters not only in my portfolio but in those of the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing and the Deputy Minister for Housing and Regeneration. I was therefore accompanied by 7 policy officials so as to appropriately cover all aspects of the Bill's Welsh clauses.

I planned to travel to the meeting by train but used an official car when we became aware of the potential for significant train delays caused by flooding at Bristol. One official accompanied me in the car. The remaining officials travelled to and from London by train. I travelled home to North Wales by train after the meeting.

The total cost of all travel to and from the meeting was £1,000. This includes all train travel by officials (standard class) and an estimated fuel-only cost for the official car.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Sargeant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 't'.

Carl Sargeant AM/AC