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During the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport's Oral Statement on 7 October, you asked the Minister about the support for, and the geographical spread of, community-led renewable energy projects. You also asked whether the Welsh Government is undertaking research to establish whether smaller community-led projects enjoy smoother passage through the planning system, compared to some of the projects directed by other organisations. As these matters fall within my portfolio, I am responding to your questions.

The Welsh Government supports community-led renewable energy projects through the Ynni'r Fro programme. We are currently actively supporting 50 projects, and a list of these, including their locations, is attached to this letter, at Annex A.

The Welsh Government currently has no plans to undertake research specifically relating to community-led projects and their passage through the planning system, as it would be difficult to quantify effectively. However, this will be one of the issues explored in the end of programme evaluation of the Ynni'r Fro scheme.

I also wrote to local planning authorities in December 2013, and that letter, attached at Annex B, included the following statement;

"Planning decisions should be based on an assessment of the impacts of any proposed development irrespective of who the applicant is. However, by recognising the particular needs of community groups and organisations, and offering the opportunity for early engagement in the planning process, I hope that we will be able to realise our ambitions to see community owned renewable energy projects flourishing across Wales."

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I hope that this letter addresses your questions in full.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a vertical line.

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Current Ynni'r Fro projects

	Project Name	Technology	Total installed capacity (kW)	Local Authority	Target completion date
1	Penllergare Trust	Hydro	24	Swansea	Completed
2	Dyffryn Cwawon	Hydro	17	Powys	Feb-15
3	LGV Ventures - Phase 1 - Cwmgu	Hydro	30	Powys	Feb-15
4	LGV Ventures - Phase 2 - Nant y Hafod, Nant Gadair, Garwy Fach & Blaen Dyar	Hydro	100	Powys	Mar-15
5	Friends of Taff Bargoed	Hydro	250	Merthyr Tydfil	Jun-15
6	Abergwyngregyn	Hydro	270	Gwynedd	Jul-15
7	Transition Bro Gwaun	Wind	250	Pembrokeshire	Jul-15
8	Corwen Electrical	Hydro	42	Denbighshire	Jun-15
9	LGV Ventures - Phase 3 - Sites to on Forestry Commission sites in Machyllleth Area	Hydro	70	Powys	Aug-15
10	Cwmynyscoy	Hydro	48	Torfaen	Aug-15
11	The Ward of Blackmill	Hydro	36	Bridgend	Nov-15
12	Allt Cafan Hydro	Hydro	100	Carmarthenshire	Dec-15
13	Carmarthenshire Energy Trust - Castell Draenog	Wind	250	Carmarthenshire	Dec-15
14	Carmarthenshire Energy Trust - Llanddarog Road	Wind	500	Carmarthenshire	Dec-15
15	Gower Power (Illeston)	PV	1000	Swansea	Dec-15
16	Gower Power (Pencefnarda)	PV	3600	Swansea	Dec-15
17	Antur Aelhaearn	Wind	500	Gwynedd	2016
18	Awel Aman Tawe	Wind	4000	Neath Port Talbot	2016
19	Cwm Arian	Wind	500	Pembrokeshire	2016
20	Bedlinog	Wind	500	Merthyr Tydfil	2016

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21	Glyncoch	Hydro	23	Rhondda Cynon Taff	2016
22	SYDIC	Wind	500	Caerphilly	2016
23	Community Energy in Pembrokeshire	Wind	250	Pembrokeshire	2016
24	Seren Lampeter Wind	Wind	500	Ceredigion	2016
25	Partneriaeth Ogwen	Hydro	500	Gwynedd	2016
26	Awel Deg - Oernant	Wind	500	Ceredigion	2016
27	Awel Deg - Penrhos	Wind	500	Ceredigion	2016
28	Ynni Cymunedol Talybolion	Wind	500	Anglesey	2016
29	Interlink RCT	Wind	250	Rhondda Cynon Taff	2017
30	Interlink RCT	Hydro	250	Rhondda Cynon Taff	2017
31	Ynni'r Dyffryn	Hydro	100	Gwynedd	2017
32	Cwmlline - Eco Dyfi	Hydro	30	Ceredigion	2017
33	Partneriaeth Eco Dyfi - Cemaes Wind	Wind	250	Powys	2017
34	Pentir Pumlumon (Maesnant)	Hydro	30	Ceredigion	2017
35	Pentir Pumlumon (Pont Cuenant)	Hydro	50	Ceredigion	2017
36	Cwm Cadian	Hydro	100	Powys	2017
37	The Green Valleys	Hydro	48	Powys	2017
38	Nant Carfan	Hydro	50	Powys	2017
39	Abergavenny Energy CIC	Hydro	30	Monmouthshire	2017
40	Dolgellau Partnership	Hydro	99	Gwynedd	2017
41	TAFY (Tillery Action For You Limited)	Hydro	30	Rhondda Cynon Taff	2018
42	Dee Valley Trust CIC	Hydro	50	Wrexham	2018
43	Menter Ialith Conwy	Hydro	50	Gwynedd	2018
44	Llanegryn Community Energy Group	Wind	10	Gwynedd	2018
45	Ynni Padarn Peris	Hydro	50	Gwynedd	2018
46	Bro Dyfi Community Renewables	Wind	500	Powys	2018
47	Ymlaen Llandysul	Hydro	50	Ceredigion	2018
48	Cwmni Nod Glas Dinas Maddwy	Hydro	36	Powys	2018
49	Gower Heritage Centre	PV	250	Swansea	2018
50	Gwern y Bwlch - Ecodyfi	Wind	100	Powys	2018
TIC (MW)			17.774		