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## Dear Mike

I am responding to the query that you raised during the Plenary Debate on RSA and AIG on 16 June regarding the budget for the Business Birthrate Strategy.

This activity falls within the overall WDA budget for business support. The WDA has recently reviewed their business support programmes and the budget has increased for 2004-5.

Figures released by the WDA show that nearly 7,000 new businesses were launched last year with the assistance of WDA and Assembly Government programmes. This is an increase of 20% on the previous year.

Yours

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