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**Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central):** How many pupils are in secondary education in each local authority in Wales for each year since 1999? (WAQ52255)

**The Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (Jane Hutt):** The number of pupils on roll at January of each year in maintained secondary schools is shown in the following table:

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Isle of Anglesey	4,877	4,899	4,863	4,811	4,818	4,843	4,749	4,637	4,454
Gwynedd	7,356	7,494	7,595	7,760	7,887	8,051	8,023	7,973	7,927
Conwy	7,067	7,329	7,467	7,645	7,828	7,938	7,899	7,812	7,607
Denbighshire	6,916	7,197	7,264	7,485	7,712	7,799	7,887	7,811	7,848
Flintshire	10,013	10,183	10,431	10,488	10,677	10,806	10,695	10,708	10,650
Wrexham	7,016	7,069	7,119	7,061	7,144	7,175	7,208	7,156	7,083
Powys	8,454	8,608	8,657	8,813	9,127	9,313	9,250	9,282	9,285
Ceredigion	5,001	5,077	5,080	5,090	5,176	5,210	5,186	5,165	5,128
Pembrokeshire	8,069	8,168	8,246	8,282	8,512	8,629	8,710	8,727	8,527
Carmarthenshire	12,107	12,286	12,304	12,336	12,541	12,546	12,432	12,465	12,290
Swansea	15,406	15,477	15,550	15,417	15,378	15,441	15,216	15,004	14,691
Neath Port Talbot	9,188	9,289	9,223	9,349	9,374	9,472	9,473	9,366	9,156
Bridgend	9,371	9,605	9,742	9,875	9,852	9,983	9,857	9,792	9,625
The Vale of Glamorgan	8,379	8,634	8,929	9,160	9,403	9,576	9,711	9,682	9,712
Rhondda Cynon Taf	18,560	18,854	19,259	19,423	19,456	19,222	19,151	18,921	18,624
Merthyr Tydfil	4,737	4,749	4,787	4,733	4,595	4,483	4,418	4,309	4,265
Caerphilly	12,902	13,097	13,272	13,201	13,380	13,369	13,260	13,036	12,831
Blaenau Gwent	4,668	4,770	4,818	4,918	4,912	4,856	4,890	4,903	4,810
Torfaen	7,509	7,792	7,888	7,919	8,060	8,171	8,154	8,077	8,062
Monmouthshire	5,416	5,461	5,692	5,758	5,757	5,779	5,739	5,682	5,569
Newport	9,848	10,215	10,381	10,611	10,732	10,852	10,869	10,896	10,811
Cardiff	21,338	21,663	21,829	21,889	21,955	22,095	21,849	21,641	21,398
Wales	204,198	207,916	210,396	212,024	214,276	215,609	214,626	213,045	210,353

**Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has each LEA given to schools in its area for each year since 1999? (WAQ52257)

**Jane Hutt:** Expenditure delegated to schools by LEA is detailed in the table below. This data is net of specific grants.

#### Net current expenditure delegated to schools (a)

(£ thousand)

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u> budget	<u>2008-09</u> budget
Isle of Anglesey	26,323	28,710	29,574	31,672	33,122	34,363	34,442	35,102	36,594
Gwynedd	45,676	49,691	50,714	56,116	57,891	60,508	62,049	63,432	65,298
Conwy	38,120	44,007	45,537	50,145	53,161	56,659	58,770	60,647	63,088
Denbighshire	34,771	37,902	41,243	45,423	48,423	51,659	54,348	55,995	59,209
Flintshire	56,188	58,932	60,258	65,105	69,978	73,545	75,387	77,686	80,431
Wrexham	41,852	45,311	47,321	52,648	55,212	58,825	60,925	63,210	65,012
Powys	50,427	52,821	59,301	60,745	65,679	69,198	71,341	74,790	77,062
Ceredigion	29,763	32,640	33,516	34,709	37,247	39,958	40,901	41,843	43,136
Pembrokeshire	48,198	51,970	54,726	60,085	63,015	66,428	69,434	72,032	73,614
Carmarthenshire	71,088	77,020	80,283	90,349	95,332	98,957	101,093	104,895	107,045
Swansea	87,215	92,996	91,705	101,324	108,722	113,069	117,482	122,034	125,502
Neath Port Talbot	57,753	62,214	64,076	69,812	71,297	74,979	76,585	75,625	79,111

Bridgend	53,582	57,207	60,444	65,292	69,786	73,686	77,425	79,494	84,166
Vale of Glamorgan	46,477	51,009	53,789	60,256	63,376	67,859	71,538	74,951	78,950
Rhondda Cynon Taf	102,751	107,469	111,722	120,327	125,633	131,001	139,016	145,862	149,352
Merthyr Tydfil	26,606	28,598	30,235	32,109	32,860	32,826	34,543	36,351	37,824
Caerphilly	70,577	75,964	77,146	84,844	89,067	92,997	93,796	98,018	101,299
Blaenau Gwent	28,455	30,176	32,209	34,064	36,623	38,345	40,203	40,514	41,540
Torfaen	39,259	42,221	43,209	46,390	49,576	50,846	53,491	55,252	57,575
Monmouthshire	29,928	32,406	34,270	36,986	39,073	41,472	42,750	43,196	45,421
Newport	55,051	61,519	64,165	70,400	74,303	77,786	81,827	83,879	86,938
Cardiff	115,682	128,235	134,885	146,154	153,526	161,423	172,323	178,367	187,472
<b>Total Wales</b>	<b>1,155,742</b>	<b>1,249,018</b>	<b>1,300,329</b>	<b>1,414,955</b>	<b>1,492,902</b>	<b>1,566,390</b>	<b>1,629,669</b>	<b>1,683,175</b>	<b>1,745,641</b>

Source: revenue outturn and revenue account forms.

(a) Delegated expenditure does not include expenditure held by LEAs and spent on behalf of schools.

Nursery schools became part of delegated expenditure in 2006-07.

Data prior to 2000-01 are not comparable and have therefore been excluded from this table.

**Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Welsh Assembly Government given to each LEA for each year since 1999? (WAQ52258)

**Jane Hutt:** It is not possible to provide an exact figure for the amount of money given to each LEA. Information is available on how much LEAs spend on education but it is not possible to break that down between Welsh Assembly Government funding and other sources.

The majority of support from the Assembly Government is provided through the non-hypothecated local government settlement. Local authorities are free to determine how much of that settlement they spend on education along with the funding raised through council tax and sourced from reserves. In addition funding is provided through specific grants provided by the Welsh Assembly Government.

**Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central):** How many children are in primary education in each local authority in Wales for each year since 1999? (WAQ52261)

**Jane Hutt:** The number of pupils on roll at January of each year in maintained primary schools is shown in the following table:

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Isle of Anglesey	6,460	6,288	6,066	5,894	5,786	5,694	5,615	5,493	5,443
Gwynedd	10,930	10,725	10,716	10,594	10,497	10,362	10,266	10,138	9,978
Conwy	10,081	10,088	10,002	9,953	9,661	9,541	9,453	9,219	8,955
Denbighshire	9,131	9,039	9,073	9,010	8,914	8,731	8,643	8,497	8,334
Flintshire	15,303	15,190	15,175	15,096	14,805	14,440	14,172	13,801	13,631
Wrexham	12,523	12,385	12,221	12,090	11,938	11,784	11,762	11,565	11,586
Powys	11,684	11,673	11,640	11,586	11,453	11,284	10,942	10,676	10,893
Ceredigion	5,847	5,747	5,615	5,574	5,488	5,380	5,361	5,186	5,138
Pembrokeshire	11,322	11,344	11,341	11,284	11,137	10,963	10,800	10,642	10,592
Carmarthenshire	15,789	15,614	15,664	15,586	15,437	15,230	15,073	14,987	14,990
Swansea	22,190	21,774	21,617	21,256	21,200	20,923	20,955	20,801	20,809
Neath Port Talbot	14,147	13,827	13,660	13,462	13,375	13,153	12,903	12,641	12,331
Bridgend	13,045	12,784	12,657	12,646	12,549	12,420	12,486	12,454	12,512
The Vale of Glamorgan	12,565	12,591	12,456	12,500	12,363	12,315	12,081	11,854	11,900
Rhondda Cynon Taf	24,562	24,339	24,046	23,457	23,007	22,703	22,295	21,852	21,636
Merthyr Tydfil	6,478	6,351	6,210	5,956	5,777	5,628	5,435	5,321	5,255
Caerphilly	18,729	18,438	18,324	18,273	18,052	17,821	17,551	17,313	17,030

Blaenau Gwent	7,737	7,592	7,392	7,130	6,922	6,829	6,638	6,431	6,311
Torfaen	9,761	9,638	9,477	9,349	9,180	8,842	8,563	8,294	8,067
Monmouthshire	7,685	7,663	7,642	7,640	7,464	7,335	7,306	7,181	6,963
Newport	14,826	14,702	14,548	14,427	14,232	13,914	13,810	13,579	13,379
Cardiff	30,917	30,636	30,244	29,813	29,376	28,669	28,201	27,799	27,528
Wales	291,712	288,418	285,786	282,576	278,613	273,961	270,311	265,724	263,261

**Irene James (Islwyn):** What funding is available to help companies to train their employees in the financial service sector? (WAQ52274)

**Jane Hutt:** The Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills Workforce Development Programme offers training support for businesses who are looking to improve their training processes. Funding support varies depending on type of training being pursued. A free Skills Review conducted via the Programme aids in identifying potential training options for individual employers. Further information on the range of services on offer can be obtained via the Skills, People, Success website at <http://www.skillspeoplesuccess.com> or by contacting the Business Skills Hotline on 0845 60 661 60.

The Flexible Support for Business website, developed by the Department for Economy and Transport, and available at <http://www.business-support-wales.gov.uk> or by calling 03000 6 03000, also provides a single point of contact for businesses wishing to access Welsh Assembly Government business support programmes.