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Dear Natasha

I am writing in response to your written question WQ87836:

How much money has the Welsh Government spent creating cycle lanes in South Wales East in the last five years?

In the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 the Welsh Government has allocated funding for cycle routes in South Wales East through a variety of funding mechanisms.

The table below shows funding provided to local authorities for schemes that created or improved active travel routes that include cycling provision. These include cycle lanes, cycle tracks, or infrastructure that is shared with pedestrians. These are split by year, by each of the relevant grant schemes and for each local authority in South Wales East. Schemes that were aimed at pedestrians or that just improved facilities for cycling have been excluded. Funding for temporary infrastructure that was provided in response to the Covid 19 pandemic has also been excluded.

Local authority	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23*
<b>Blaenau Gwent</b>					
Active Travel Fund		£406,000	£234,000	£235,871	£597,000
Safe Routes in Communities	£30,000				
<b>Caerphilly</b>					
Active Travel Fund	£390,000	£617,000	£658,905	£329,687	£559,000
<b>Merthyr Tydfil</b>					

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Active Travel Fund		£287,000	£200,000	£1,250,812	£1,063,000
Local Transport Fund		£918,389			
<b>Monmouthshire</b>					
Active Travel Fund	£96,443	£104,442	£1,448,704	£2,642,151	£2,704,263
Local Transport Fund	£1,295,239	£1,563,637			
<b>Newport</b>					
Active Travel Fund				£10,546,512	£1,984,615
Local Transport Fund	£376,454	£1,367,783			
<b>Torfaen</b>					
Active Travel Fund				£419,573	£1,160,788
Safe Routes in Communities	£343,575	£76,075	£71,315	£213,771	£112,450
Local Transport Fund	£102,900				
<b>South Wales East</b>	<b>£2,634,611</b>	<b>£5,340,326</b>	<b>£2,612,924</b>	<b>£15,638,378</b>	<b>£8,181,116</b>

\* = for 2022/23, the figures represent the funding allocation, not funding claimed

In addition to the funding for local authorities, we have spent £15,100,100 on active travel provision associated with the Strategic Road Network in this region in the relevant time period.

Furthermore, the region has benefitted from significant investment in active travel scheme development as part of multi-modal solutions that have been and continue to be developed under both the Cardiff Capital Region Metro Programme and the South East Wales Burns Delivery Unit programme.

Yours sincerely



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