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Dear Luke,

I write in response to South Wales West WQ83948: What financial support is available for pubs and does the Welsh Government intend to announce any additional support?

The Welsh Government has made unprecedented levels of funding available to support Welsh businesses through the pandemic, including through the unique Economic Resilience Fund (ERF) and the non-domestic rates (NDR) linked grants. To date we have provided more than £2.6bn in financial support which has safeguarded thousands of jobs. We have committed hundreds of millions more than provided through consequential from the UK Government to help businesses fighting to survive the pandemic.

Subject to meeting the eligibility criteria, pubs were eligible for Welsh Government funding streams and support mechanisms provided throughout the pandemic. In addition, our £380m business rates relief package announced on 3 March provides retail, leisure and hospitality businesses with rateable values up to £500k, and charities in Wales with a straightforward year-long business rates holiday.

On 23 November, I announced a [£45m package of funding that will help small businesses across Wales to grow](#) and support thousands of people to train to work in key sectors. As part of the package, £35m will help SMEs in Wales relaunch, develop, decarbonise and grow to help drive Wales' economic recovery. The funding will support more than 1,000 business, help to create 2,000 new jobs and safeguard a further 4,000 jobs with grants of up to £50k available.

I would also encourage any business affected to contact the Business Wales Helpline who can explore any support options available to them. The helpline is available between 10am and 4pm (Monday to Friday) and is closed on Public Holidays. The team can be reached by calling 03000 6 03000 or by visiting <https://businesswales.gov.wales/contact-us>

Yours sincerely,

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