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*Dear Ann*

**WAQ18780**

In response to WAQ18780, I said that I would write to you with the relevant information.

The Vale of Clwyd has benefited from a range of Welsh Assembly Government policies since 1999. Our policies are aimed at benefiting the whole of Wales including:

- a new formula for distributing funds to local government. Relative to the Wales average (16.5%), Denbighshire has received a higher percentage increase (20%) in its central funding in the three years since 1999-2000.
- support for strategic housing schemes in both the public and private sectors in the Vale of Clwyd. Since 1999 the renewal areas in Rhyl and Denbigh alone have received more than £6.1million. We have also allocated £11.5 million of Social Housing Grant, which has helped provide general needs housing along with housing for elderly, disabled and homeless people in the area.
- approval of Communities First project bids totaling over £370,000 for three projects in the Vale of Clwyd.
- support for crime reduction activity - the local Crime Reduction Partnership has received £68,376 from the 'Safer Homes this Winter' programme targeted at reducing burglary.

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