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I am writing in response to your Written Assembly Question (WAQ79446) tabled on 13 February about the amount of EU funding received by each local authority, together with any match funding, since devolution.

### **EU programmes in Wales**

The information provided relates to programmes where the Welsh Government is the managing authority and excludes any programmes that Wales benefits from and are directly managed by the EU.

There are different regulatory requirements governing the delivery and reporting of the various EU programmes, which operate within Wales. These requirements have changed during each programme period.

The Welsh Government does not collect financial data by local authority area for the structural funds and rural development programmes (RDP). Most structural fund operations deliver benefits to more than one local authority area, including many that deliver across the programme area as a whole, as do many projects funded under the RDP, such as Farming Connect.

It is not possible to identify the exact amount of funding a specific local authority area has 'received' because of the national/regional scope of so many of these projects and programmes.

The Welsh Government is required to keep information for three years after the final payment to or from the European Commission for each programme.

### **Rural Development Programme**

The RDP 2014-20 is a seven-year investment programme supporting a wide range of activities through its schemes.

The Welsh Government publishes a list of approved projects under the programme, which includes details of the lead applicant organisation awarded EU funding. This will include all projects where the lead beneficiary is a local authority and the amount of EU funding awarded to it.

For the 2014-20 RDP, a list of socio-economic approved projects is available at: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/walesruralnetwork/wrn-support-unit/rural-development-programme-funding>

The [Common Agricultural Policy](#) (CAP) is the EU policy to provide financial support to farming, environmental measures and rural development and is split into two areas or 'pillars'. The EC funding, known as European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) falls under pillar II of the CAP. This funds RDP 2014-20 and includes agri-environment schemes, such as Glastir and other socio-economic measures. The single farm payment is funded through pillar I of the CAP.

Details of amounts received by UK beneficiaries (which includes Wales) under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) can be found on the UK co-ordinating body webpages. This information is provided in accordance with [EU Regulation No. 1306/2013](#) and [Commission Regulation No. 908/2014](#). These require EU Member States to publish details of recipients of CAP subsidy payments on a single national (UK) website: <http://www.cap-payments.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx>

### **Structural Funds**

The Welsh Government publishes lists of the operations approved under the structural funds programmes, which include details of the lead beneficiary organisation that has been awarded EU funding.

For the 2014-20 West Wales and the Valleys and East Wales Structural Funds Programmes, a list of operations approved is available at: <https://gov.wales/eu-structural-funds-programme-2014-2020-approved-projects>.

A list for the 2014-20 Ireland-Wales programme is available at: <https://irelandwales.eu/sites/default/files/2019-12/IW%20Website%20Spreadsheet%20English%20version%20-%20Dec%202019.xlsx>

A list of operations approved under the 2007-13 West Wales and the Valleys and East Wales Structural Funds Programmes is available at: <https://gov.wales/eu-structural-funds-programme-2007-2013-approved-projects>

These lists include any operations where the lead beneficiary is a local authority, the amount of EU funds awarded and the amount of match funding associated with that operation.

The Welsh Government also collects achievements by local authority area for a number of performance indicators for the structural funds programmes. A summary of key indicator achievements to date by local authority for the 2014-20 programmes is available at: <https://gov.wales/eu-structural-funds-programme-2014-2020-key-indicator-achievements>

EU funds key indicator achievements (at programme and local authority level) and a summary of the key indicator achievements by local authority area for the 2007-13 programmes is available at: <https://gov.wales/eu-structural-funds-programme-2007-2013-outcomes>.

## Payments via Structural Funds, RDP and European Territorial Co-operation programme

The table below is a summary of payments made to local authorities, where local authorities are the lead beneficiary of those operations via the Structural Funds, RDP and European Territorial Co-operation (ETC) programme.

**Table 1: Summary of EU funds paid to local authorities for 2007-13 and 2014-20 programme periods**

Programme	Funding period		Total
	2007-2013	2014-2020*	
European Structural Funds (ESF & ERDF)	£378.5m	£79.4m	£457.9m
<i>of which:</i>			
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	£22.0m	£16.8m	£38.8m
Bridgend County Borough Council	£12.1m	£1.5m	£13.6m
Caerphilly County Borough Council	£22.2m	£0.1m	£22.3m
Cardiff Council	£2.5m		£2.5m
Carmarthenshire County Council	£41.3m	£0.4m	£41.7m
Ceredigion County Council	£1.5m	£0.3m	£1.8m
City and County of Swansea	£57.6m	£2.0m	£59.6m
Conwy County Borough Council	£2.5m	£3.6m	£6.1m
Cyngor Gwynedd Council	£23.6m	£0.1m	£23.8m
Denbighshire County Borough Council	£8.7m	£10.4m	£19.0m
Flintshire County Council	£1.8m		£1.8m
Isle of Anglesey County Council	£9.9m	£4.0m	£13.9m
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	£16.9m		£16.9m
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	£88.3m	£9.1m	£97.4m
Newport City Council	£1.9m	£5.4m	£7.4m
Pembrokeshire County Council	£12.3m	£13.7m	£26.0m
Powys County Council		£0.8m	£0.8m
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	£28.4m	£0.5m	£28.9m
Torfaen County Borough Council	£24.6m	£10.7m	£35.3m
Wrexham County Council	£0.4m		£0.4m
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund	£0.5m	£1.1m	£1.6m
Welsh Rural Development Programme	N/A	£17.9m	£17.9m
European Territorial Co-operation Programme	N/A	€ 1.3m	€ 1.3m
<i>of which:</i>			
Carmarthenshire County Council	N/A	€ 0.2m	€ 0.2m
Pembrokeshire County Council	N/A	€ 1.1m	€ 1.1m

\*Payments to date as funding period is still open.

No figure is provided for the 2007-2013 Rural Development programme as it is not possible to disaggregate how much of the total spend was allocated to Local Authorities. For the 2014-2020 Rural Development programme the amount of money paid to Local Authorities is included but it is not possible to do this for each individual Local Authority.

For the ETC (Ireland-Wales) programme the spend reported only covers the 2014-20 programme period as this is the period where Welsh Government is the managing authority. Wales took part in the 2007-13 programmes, but this was managed by Ireland.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**MARK DRAKEFORD**