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Annwyl Paul,

I write further to your written assembly question concerning public sector food and drink expenditure on Welsh companies, and my holding response of 3 April.

You requested details of the total public sector food and drink expenditure on Welsh companies in a) the Welsh NHS, b) Welsh local authorities and c) the Welsh Government.

Regarding part (a), according to data from the NHS Wales Shared Service Partnership, NHS Wales spent a total of £20,631,032 on food and drink during the period 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016. £7,764,952 of this was spent on procurement from Welsh companies.

In relation to part (c), the Welsh Government has, through its contract for catering provision across its own administrative estate during the previous full financial year 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2015, undertaken total contract food expenditure of £870,052. Of this, the total expenditure from Welsh companies was £ 358,147.00.

Up to date information is not available for part (b) of the question. However the latest Survey of Public Sector Food Purchasing in Wales (2013) stated that total public sector purchases on food and drink is estimated at £74.4m with purchases from Welsh companies including producers and distributors accounting for 63% which amounts to £47.1m.

The National Procurement Service has also recently commenced the process of developing a procurement strategy for the food category. This work involves analysing current expenditure in this area which will assist in identifying the proportion of the total category spend which is won by Welsh suppliers across the local authorities and the NHS Wales.

Yn gywir

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyllid a Llywodraeth Leol

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government