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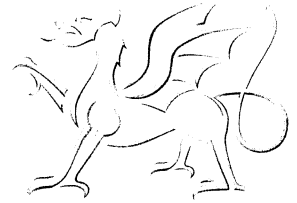
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Dear David

Further to my answer to your question on 29 September, about the underspend during the last financial year, I am writing to advise you that we are still awaiting certification of the Assembly's 2003-04 accounts by the National Audit Office. When final figures of 2003-04 spend are available, I will arrange for them to be included in a Cabinet Written Statement that I will send to all Assembly Members. This statement will include a breakdown of spend by Main Expenditure Group.

Best wishes,

Sue Essex



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another £0.75 million was made available to enable access to soundproof accommodation by wheelchair users bringing the total invested to £2.25 million.

Figures released at the end of July 2003 show that Wales is leading the way in audiology by being able to offer patients fittings of hearing aids nation wide. They also show that the digital hearing aid scheme has proved a great success. In the year following its launch in August 2002 nearly 15,000 digital hearing aids had been fitted across Wales. The project has ensured a greater equity of care across Wales and I am sure that patients will continue to benefit from the improvement to facilities, access to the service and the introduction of new technology

Yours,

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