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Nick Bourne AM
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Dear Nick,

I promised to write to you with the answers to the following two written questions which you tabled for answer on 1 March:

i) What is the estimated cost of the Welsh Assembly Government's Technium closure programme. (WAQ57235)

ii) How much did the Welsh Assembly Government spend setting up the network of Technium offices around Wales. (WAQ57236)

In respect of WAQ57235, we are currently liaising with WEFO and other colleagues regarding the identification and clarification of costs associated with the exit strategy for the six Techniums leaving the network. Until this has concluded I am unable to provide complete details of the actual costs which will be incurred. However the preliminary work that has been undertaken so far would suggest that a reasonable estimate of gross costs would fall between £450k and £550k.

In terms of WAQ 57236, the gross capital costs associated with the network of Techniums, which includes leasehold acquisition costs, construction costs, fitting out costs and associated fees amounts to £57.5m.

I hope this clarifies the position for you.

Kind Regards
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