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Welsh Government

Bethan Sayed MS

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Dear Bethan

I wanted to update you following your exchange in Plenary on 23rd March with the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, regarding the impact of COVID restrictions on parenting and work and related data.

The monthly [labour market statistics](#) produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are the official source of labour market statistics in the UK. Latest data relate to the November 2020 to January 2021 quarter. A summary of labour market statistics for Wales is available in our monthly [Labour Market overview](#). This includes the headline employment, unemployment and economic inactivity rates by gender as estimated through the Labour Force Survey.

Also the Annual Population Survey is published quarterly and it has a larger sample size than the Labour Force Survey. This means unemployment statistics are available for Wales by a variety of protected characteristics including; [Age](#), [gender](#), [Disability](#) and [Ethnicity](#) which are routinely published on [StatsWales](#).

I hope you find this helpful, but, should you have any questions about Welsh Labour Markets statistics, please contact economic.stats@gov.wales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Skates".

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