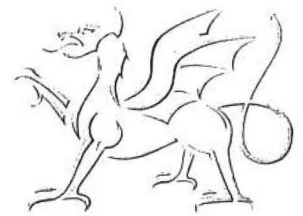


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Dear *Helen Mary*

### Sustainable Development Indicators

I am responding to your question about sustainable development indicators raised recently at plenary during discussion about the Sustainable Development Action Plan.

The Sustainable Development Indicators Working Group has previously identified the need for a small suite of high-level summary indicators as a headline measure of progress towards sustainable development in Wales, in addition to the 12 SD indicators adopted by the Assembly in March 2001. The revised SD Scheme, adopted by plenary in March of this year, committed the Welsh Assembly Government to this proposal, and the Indicators Working Group has since considered carefully which summary indicators would best measure progress in Wales in the following areas: global impact of consumption; biodiversity; the overall level of deprivation in Wales; the level of economic activity; and genuine economic progress taking account of environmental factors, resources and well-being.

I have recently received a report on these matters from the Working Group. I am still considering its recommendations, but I anticipate writing to you and all AMs on this subject very shortly.

Yours sincerely

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