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Ein cyf/Our ref WQ87680

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Dear Laura,

I write in response to WQ87680: What steps is the Minister taking to increase job opportunities in Wales?

The Welsh Government has an extensive offer for both individuals and businesses in terms of increasing job opportunities including:

- Careers advice and guidance services;
- employability, skills and apprenticeship programmes, including the Young Persons Guarantee;
- business support services, including Business Wales;
- dedicated help for new and existing exporters provided via the Export Action Plan;
- inward investment activities;
- access to finance via the Development Bank of Wales;
- Wide ranging support for the foundational economy, including the Backing Local Firms Fund; and
- Sector specific support with engagement and investment for priority industries that create jobs in Wales.

Examples of impact include Communities for Work (CfW), programme which has engaged with 39,830 people and supported 16,738 into employment. Communities for Work (CfW+) which has engaged with 39,916 people and supported 17,301 into employment; Jobs Growth Wales+ has, since its launch, seen 3,470 young people commenced JGW+, of which 1,270 have completed their programmes and with over 50% having had a positive outcome so far; and Business Wales, which over the last 10 years has supported more than 390,000 entrepreneurs and businesses, assisted the creation of over 19,000 new start-ups and directly helped create nearly 47,000 jobs in the Welsh economy.

Yours sincerely,

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