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You raised some specific points in the budget debate plenary on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. I promised that I would write to you on these specific matters.

Firstly I will address your concern about funding for community safety initiatives. The 22 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Wales have a statutory duty to formulate and implement a community safety strategy and a strategy for combating substance misuse in their areas. Statutory members include the Chief Officers of police, local authorities, fire authorities and local health boards. The partnerships encourage wider community involvement from local businesses, the voluntary sector, community groups and the public.

The Welsh Assembly Government is providing £18,596,000 million in 2007-08 to CSPs in Wales to enable them to fund projects that tackle community safety issues and the Home Office is providing £5,335,885. It is for the CSPs (of which local authorities are a statutory partner) to determine priorities for funding locally and allocate accordingly. The funding streams are allocated to CSPs on a rolling three year basis, so CSPs know that they will receive the currently level of funding from the Welsh Assembly Government until at least 09/10.

You also raised concerns that funding for the Strategic Capital Investment Framework will have a negative impact on other capital projects. I can assure you that no capital budgets have been cut or top-sliced in order to release funding for SCIF. The money allocated to SCIF has been drawn from capital reserves and from underspends carried over from previous years. The purpose of this funding stream is to compliment capital budgets held within portfolios, providing additional funding for large scale capital projects of strategic importance. Additionally, SCIF will only apply to new capital projects; projects that are already underway will not be affected by this programme. SCIF itself will provide a more strategic approach to capital investment, meaning that we will be able to deliver better and more efficient capital projects such as hospitals and schools to the people of Wales.

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**LETTER TO ANN JONES AM FOLLOWING UP FROM QUESTION IN PLENARY**

1. You promised to write to Ann Jones on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January regarding her specific concerns about community safety partnerships and the impact SCIF would have on existing capital budgets.
2. Community Safety Partnerships comprise of the police, fire services, local authorities and other working together to tackle substance misuse and community safety issues. It is jointly funding by WAG and the Home Office, with the CSPs having discretion to allocate funding to local priorities.
3. The SCIF budget has already been established, drawing from the reserves and EYF. It compliments the capital funding within departmental baselines, not replaces it. Many Ams have raised concerns about financing and formatting of SCIF.