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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your question tabled on 6 June regarding projected numbers of places in additional learning needs schools in each of the next five years and apologies for the delayed response.

The Welsh Government does not collect data on projected places in maintained special schools or special educational needs (SEN) units.

Local authorities are responsible for funding their schools and for ensuring that suitable educational provision is made available to all children, including those with additional learning needs (ALN).

Under the ALN and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act local authorities are required to keep under review their arrangements for children and young people with ALN, and those of their maintained schools. This review is a key part of local strategic planning and decision making and enables local authorities to assess current and likely future needs and secure sufficient provision and services to meet those needs.

The Welsh Government has invested £67 million since 2017 to prepare the sector for the implementation of ALN reforms and increase ALN provision in mainstream and special schools across Wales, with a yearly budget of £21 million until 2025 to support ALN system reform.

Yours sincerely,

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