



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ91360 & WQ91363

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Dear Andrew,

I write in response to WQ91360 & WQ91363: What consideration has the Minister given to findings from the February 2024 Labour Market Overview which show that employment in Wales has fallen to 71 per cent, below the UK average?

What consideration has the Minister given to findings from the February 2024 Labour Market Overview which show that economic inactivity has increased to 26 per cent in Wales, above the UK average?

Care should be taken over interpreting the Labour Market Statistics at present, especially those obtained through survey data. The Chief Statistician has provided an account of these issues, which is available at the following link:

<https://digitalanddata.blog.gov.wales/2023/09/12/chief-statisticians-update-understanding-the-labour-market-in-wales/>

Yours sincerely,



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