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Dear Dai

I am writing with a reply to your Written Question 81239 below.

**Dai Lloyd (South Wales West):** Is the Minister committed to developing regional recycling centres in Wales, run by local authorities, which would reduce carbon footprints and create jobs? (WQ81239)

**Lesley Griffiths:** In partnership with Local Authorities, the Welsh Government has already successfully delivered regional infrastructure investment in this area through the Waste Infrastructure Procurement Programme. Together, these projects have created 950 jobs in construction and 121 ongoing jobs.

We are currently working with Local Authorities to deliver projects to transition to the use of ultra-low emission collection vehicles and extend and improve the separate collection and recycling of Absorbent Hygiene Product (AHP) waste. The latter will also have the benefit of removing AHP materials from residual waste and landfill.

We are also working with Local Authorities to identify the regional infrastructure needed to deliver our new Circular Economy Strategy, Beyond Recycling. This includes looking at the opportunities for developing regional need for regional facilities for not only recycling, but also materials reprocessing, re-use and repair.

Yours Sincerely

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