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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Ddiwylliant a Chyfiawnder
Cymdeithasol, y Trefnydd a'r Prif Chwip
Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, Trefnydd and
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Dear Andrew,

I write further to your Written Questions requesting:

“Has the Welsh Government provided any direct funding for the Welsh Refugee Council to give talks in schools to promote the Nation of Sanctuary plan? (WQ95444)”

Has the Welsh Government provided any direct funding for the Welsh Refugee Council to carry out school visits in Wales? (WQ95445)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide a full breakdown of all grant funding provided to the Welsh Refugee Council over the past 5 years, specifying the nature of any projects and the sums of money involved? (WQ95446)

How much funding has the Welsh Government provided to the Welsh Refugee Council in the last 5 years? (WQ95443)”

The Government does not provide any direct funding for the Welsh Refugee Council to carry out school visits.

The table at Annex A provides the remaining information requested.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Please note the Nation of Sanctuary policy includes an explicit focus on mainstreaming access to services within mainstream schemes so some of the expenditure is not recorded separately to general costs.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'H'.

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Annex A – Breakdown of funding covering FY 2019/2020 to FY 2023/24

Activity	Total Funding Received 2019-2024	Aims
Refugee Week Awards [Non-recurrent]	£5,976.00	Event to recognise contribution of sanctuary seekers and organisations who support them.
OISC Training [Non-recurrent]	£4,000.00	Support the accreditation of officers to provide basic immigration legal advice.
Hate Crime Funding [CEASED]	£36,000.00	Support awareness of hate crime and reporting processes.
Asylum Seeker Transport Pilot [CEASED] (February to April 2022)	£250,000.00	Welsh Refugee Council led a consortium of several organisations on transport.
Refugee Well Housing (Move On)	£818,024.90	Support newly recognised refugees to find alternative 'Move On' accommodation and register with banking and other services within 28 days, after the Home Office has granted refugee status.
Asylum Rights Programme / Wales Sanctuary Service	£2,546,145.50	Welsh Refugee Council leads a consortium of several organisations. Provides a national advice and advocacy service for people seeking sanctuary across all of Wales.