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**Draft Letter from Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills to:**

Alun Ffred Jones

**Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification - Welsh Medium and Bilingual Provision**

During Oral Questions on 14 May, I undertook to write to you about the numbers of students undertaking the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification through the medium of Welsh, or partly through the medium of Welsh.

WJEC, who are the awarding body for the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification collect information about the numbers of students who are registered for the qualification. The following numbers of students were registered by their centres as studying the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification through the medium of Welsh in October 2007.

Academic year 2007/08	Total Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification students registered	Registered with WJEC as studying through the medium of Welsh
Advanced Level	7,436	800
Intermediate Level	3,944	284
Foundation Level	1,858	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,238</b>	<b>1,176</b>

WJEC does not collect information on learners studying partly through the medium of Welsh. However, the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification is a fully bilingual qualification and, as you will see from the table below, Welsh medium and bilingual centres are very well represented in the Welsh Baccalaureate. From September this year there will be 100 post-16 Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification centres. Of these the following are either Welsh medium or bilingual centres.

**Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification Welsh Medium and Bilingual Centres (from September 2008)**

<b>Welsh Medium</b>	<b>Bilingual</b>
Ysgol y Creuddyn*	Builth Wells High School
Ysgol Tryfan*	Caereinion High School
Ysgol Glan Clwyd	Cambrian Training
Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg	City of Swansea Emp Training
Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr	Coleg Meirion Dwyfor
Ysgol Morgan Llwyd	Coleg Menai
Ysgol Plasmawr	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones Amlwch*
Ysgol Preseli	Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni*
Ysgol Y Strade, Llanelli	Ysgol David Hughes*
	Ysgol Uwchradd Bodeden*
	Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle*
	Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen*
	Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen*
	Llanidloes High School

	Ysgol Brynhyfryd Ysgol Penweddig Ysgol Tre-gib
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\* - Cynnal Consortium

I hope you find this information helpful.