



Assembly Members

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Dear Members,

During the Business Statement on 7 March, I agreed to provide an update on Pinewood Studios.

Having the Pinewood brand in Wales has reinforced our position as an international hub for film and TV production, attracting further inward investment and supporting the growth of the creative industries in Wales.

Pinewood Studio Wales has recently been home to feature films such as Showdogs; a film production which tells the story of a K9 officer from the NYPD, who is forced to go undercover at an upscale dog show to thwart the kidnapping of a baby panda; and Journey's End, a production based on the famous play by R. C. Sherriff (which is set in 1918 in the trenches of World War One).

The studio has also hosted TV drama series Sherlock; which is broadcast on primetime BBC with worldwide distribution in excess of 200 countries, and Crossing the Border; Archery Picture's TV drama for Channel 4, a political thriller set in Syria and the UK. Written and directed by BAFTA winner Peter Kosminsky, Crossing the Border is about four young people who leave the UK to travel to Syria to join ISIS.

The studios are home to 16 tenant companies from the creative industries, including major facilities companies Andy Dixon, Real SFX and Shadow Scaffolding.

Yours ever,

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