

DP 749/03 - 07

**Jane Hutt AM**  
**Business Minister and Minister for Children**

Our ref: OAQ 0047(BM)  
Your ref:

**Cardiff Bay**  
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Brynle Williams AM  
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Dear Brynle

During the Assembly Plenary session on 11 May you asked a supplementary question to OAQ0047 (BM) on the issue of payment of allowances to foster carers in Denbighshire. I agreed to report back to you. My officials had to seek confirmation of the position from Denbighshire and I apologise for the delay in replying.

Your question concerned Denbighshire County Council's decision to spend an additional £300,000 on fostering allowances. You asked if it would support those already in fostering.

I understand from Denbighshire that all current carers have already received additional payments and have been incorporated in to the new tiered payment scheme.

Thank you for raising this issue.

Best wishes