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National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Jocelyn

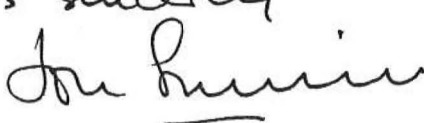
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In response to Oral Assembly Question numbered above, which was posed on 23 February 2005, the Business Minister undertook to explore the issue of temporary agency staff further. She has asked me to respond.

You asked if we would be willing to publish the numbers and length of service of those employed on temporary agency contracts. I now attach, at Annex A, the relevant information for the National Assembly for Wales, broken down further to show gender data.

You should be aware however that a large-scale exercise to recruit staff into the Administrative Bands (where agency staff tend to be used) was undertaken last year. As such anyone who had been assigned to the Assembly by the Agency before March 2004 had the opportunity to apply for substantive posts within the organisation at that time.

I am sending a copy of this reply to the Library.

Yours sincerely


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Annex A**Length of Service for Agency staff in the National Assembly for Wales
Split by Gender**

Length of Service	Total Number of Agency Staff	Male	Female
0 – 3 Months	133	56	77
3 – 6 Months	101	53	48
6 – 9 Months	75	39	36
9 – 12 Months	36	21	15
12 – 15 Months	17	7	10
15 – 18 Months	10	5	5
18 – 21 Months	2	1	1
21 – 24 Months	6	3	3
24 – 27 Months	3	1	2
30 – 33 Months	1	1	0