Sir Derek Jones KCB Ysgrifennydd Parhaol Permanent Secretary



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Dear Andrew,

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You recently submitted a Written Assembly Question (WAQ67721) to the First Minister asking:

Will the First Minister disclose the total number of staff employed with press or communications responsibilities within the following departments in each of the last 4 financial years (including the year to date) expressed as FTE, also providing the annual total salary cost for each year:

- 1. Economy, Science and Transport;
- 2. Health and Social Services:
- 3. Public Services (formerly Local Government); and
- 4. Finance? (WAQ67721)

In my response to WAQ66505, sent to you on 4 April 2014, I explained why it would not be possible to identify numbers of staff with communications responsibilities. I enclose a copy of that response for ease of reference. The position remains that we would only be able to determine the number of staff with a role which incorporates communications responsibilities by reviewing the job description of every member of staff, which would be prohibitively time consuming.

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