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Dear Andrew,

Further to the initial replies you received in response to WQ82347 and WQ82352 tabled on 19 March, please find below substantive answers to both questions.

WQ82347: *Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of empty homes in each local authority in Wales?*

Response: Our latest statistics shows that there are 25,701 empty homes in Wales. Local Government regulations define a home as “empty” if it has been unoccupied for over 6 months. The breakdown by local authority is as follows:

Local Authority	Total Empty Homes
Isle of Anglesey	433
Blaenau Gwent	949
Bridgend	1,130
Caerphilly	1,169
Cardiff	1,718
Carmarthenshire	2,845
Ceredigion	895
Conwy	738
Denbighshire	942
Flintshire	1,004
Gwynedd	1,558
Merthyr Tydfil	556
Monmouthshire	715
Neath Port Talbot	1,252
Newport	1,046

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Pembrokeshire	1,622
Powys	985
Rhondda Cynon Taf	2,401
Swansea	1,888
Torfaen	474
Vale of Glamorgan	939
Wrexham	442
	25,701

The Welsh Government has a number of programmes for dealing with empty homes including; interest free loans for owner-occupiers, landlords and local authorities to cover the costs of works to bring empty properties back into use; a fund accessible to local authorities to support them to undertake risk free enforcement action and an industry expert providing unfettered advice to local authorities to deal with empty properties in their area. Other schemes which are also helping to tackle empty homes include the Valleys Taskforce's Empty Homes Scheme and the Western Valleys Empty Homes Pilot.

WQ82352: *Will the Minister state how much funding the Welsh Government has provided to trade unions since 2016, including a breakdown of any funding allocated?*

Response: The total funding paid to trade unions in the last 5 financial years is £11,029,539. This includes £5,039,199 specifically for the Wales Union Learning Fund (WULF) and the remainder to the Wales TUC and trade unions to provide trade union education courses, briefings and other materials for unions and their officials, as well as delivering support for union democratic structures outside the workplace to assist their employability and skills priorities.

Yours sincerely



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