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Ein cyf/Our ref WQ87679

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Dear Laura,

I write in response to WQ87679: What steps is the Minister taking to increase the qualification levels of workers in Blaenau Gwent?

Our Economic Mission sets out how we will work with social partners in using their engagement with employers to strengthen the focus placed on job redesign and on developing resilience within our workforce, including a focus on skills.

Our Plan for Employability and Skills sets out the specific action we are taking to help everyone to navigate and respond to the work-related challenges they will face throughout their lives, whether that is through training, retraining, upskilling, changing career or starting a business.

Actions within the Plan have a particular focus on increasing qualification levels in Blaenau Gwent and across Wales. These include Personal Learning Accounts (where 1,389 have been referred from Working Wales), Apprenticeships, Adult Community Learning, the Wales Union Learning Fund (where in the last year over 8,000 learners have been supported) and our Community Employability Programmes (where CFW has engaged with 39,830 people and supported 16,738 into employment and CFW+ has engaged with 39,916 people and supported 17,301 into employment).

Yours sincerely,

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