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Dear Mr Davies

WRITTEN QUESTION: WQ80405

You recently submitted the following Written Question to the First Minister:

WQ80405 - Will the First Minister provide figures for the number of staff currently employed by the Welsh Government, the number who were in work on 26 May 2020, and the number who were off on that date due to a privilege day?

As this question relates to staffing in the Welsh Government, the First Minister has asked me to respond to you directly.

I can confirm that at 31 May 2020, the Welsh Government staffing complement was 5,366.3 FTE (5,687 headcount).

The privilege day attached to the Spring Bank Holiday is a day of annual leave granted by the Queen to all civil servants across the UK to mark her Official Birthday. We do not hold records of the number of staff who chose to take any time off during the Privilege Day, but I can confirm that all key public-facing services provided by the Welsh Government were maintained throughout the day. The Welsh Government's Helpdesk and the Business Wales Helpline were amongst the key services that were operational on 26 May to ensure that we continued to support the people of Wales during these



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difficult times. In addition to these services, the Welsh Government's Emergency Co-ordination Centre Wales (ECCW) was fully operational, supporting the public sector throughout Wales.

Yours,

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