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Dear Nick

You recently requested in WAQ55448 that the First Minister provide details of what assessment has been made of future staffing levels in the Welsh Assembly Government. The First Minister has asked me to respond.

Staffing levels will be determined by a number of factors which clearly includes resource allocation against agreed priorities and future budget allocations which have still to be clarified. We are obviously expecting budgets to reduce considerably and whilst we do not have defined, manpower targets we are committed to reducing overall administrative costs to manage within our future budgetary limits.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gill'.

**GILL MORGAN**

