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Dear Dawn,

During plenary on 16 May you asked a question in relation to how the funding allocated to the local government and public services portfolio to support homelessness is calculated.

As I said in the chamber the process for allocating funding for homelessness services follows that for the budget as a whole. Priorities are identified in bilateral meetings, with the Cabinet agreeing final allocations. The increasing prevalence of homelessness, and this Government's ambition to eradicate youth homelessness, underpinned the additional funding agreed by the Assembly for these purposes in January of this year.

I would like to clarify for the record that this funding comprises £10 million revenue in each of the next two years to tackle homelessness. Targeted through additional funding in the revenue support grant and via direct funding to national projects and the third sector in Wales it supports those areas with the highest need.

An additional £10 million revenue in 2019-20 will be invested to specifically target youth homelessness and to support young people and give them a positive progression into adulthood. This brings our total additional investment to tackle homelessness to £30m over this year and next.

I will place a copy of this letter in the Assembly Library.

*Best wishes,
Mark.*

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