



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQs 97430 – 97435

Sioned Williams MS

13 October 2025

Dear Sioned,

Thank you for your recent questions, WQs 97430 – 97435. As all of the questions related to the MEG budgets it is probably easier to provide one single response to cover them all.

To answer WQ97430 regarding the citizen voice body central budgets expenditure line, Llais is a Welsh Government sponsored public body and as such, is operationally independent. Llais is allocated an annual budget to spend in line with their remit letter and according to their published annual plan. Llais has its own mechanisms for deciding how funding is spent during the financial year and their annual accounts are laid before the Auditor General for Wales and the Senedd.

Regarding WQ97431, the violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence central budgets expenditure line supports actions to deliver against our objectives in the Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategy 2022-2026. This budget will fund a range of programmes and projects, including: Regional Grant Funding; shelter and refuge accommodation, funding services that support the needs of survivors, early intervention programmes and tackling perpetration; Live Fear Free; Sound Campaign and, capital grants to fund properties, refurbishment, service improvement and upgrading service user spaces and equipment.

For WQ97432 which relates to the equality, inclusion and human rights central budgets expenditure line, during 2025-26 we are using this budget to support those with protected characteristics and human rights in Wales, including: meeting our commitments in the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan, including our Gypsy, Roma and Traveller commitments; supporting Pride Cymru and Grassroots Pride events across Wales, and survivors of conversion therapies; addressing period poverty by ensuring products are accessible in schools and other settings; supporting technical work towards the incorporation of UNCRDP and CEDAW; and to support stakeholder groups – including BSL and Disabled Persons groups – to engage with Welsh Government's policy processes on BSL and support for disabled persons. The budget also covers programme support costs.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In relation to WQ9743 the Advice Services BEL is supporting the delivery of quality-assured social welfare information and advice services across Wales and a range of income maximisation initiatives. The BEL also supports the work to streamline the administration of the Welsh benefits.

For WQ97434 the voluntary sector central budgets expenditure line supports action to deliver against our Programme for Government commitment to continue our strong partnership with voluntary organisations across the range of our responsibilities. The budget will fund a range of programmes and projects, including the Third Sector Support Wales, Tempo Time Credits, Community Foundation Wales, Newid, Third Sector Partnership Council, Community Asset Loan Fund and the Community Facilities Programme.

Finally, for WQ97435, we are using the Criminal Justice Delivery 2025-26 budget to fund the Women's Pathfinder Whole System approach (including Visiting Mums), Independent Domestic Violence Advisor(s) for Welsh Women in Custody, evaluation of the Youth Justice and Women's Justice Blueprints as well as the Youth Justice Board Cymru.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jane Hutt'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'H'.

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