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Dear Natasha,

I write in response to WQ83623 WQ83624 WQ83625 WQ83626 regarding:

- How many jobs have the enterprise zones in south-east Wales generated in each year of their lifetimes? (WQ83623)
- Who chairs the enterprise zones in South Wales East? (WQ83624)
- Will the Minister state who serves on the boards of the enterprise zones in south-east Wales? (WQ83625)
- How much money has been put into the enterprise zones in south-east Wales in each year of their lifetimes? (WQ83626)

There are three enterprise zones located in south east Wales, namely Cardiff Airport & Bro Tathan Enterprise Zone, Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone and Ebbw Vale Enterprise Zone (which is the only zone in the South Wales East constituency).

As place based interventions, the enterprise zones reflect the importance of flexing our approach to local circumstances, challenges and opportunities working with local partners. This reflects the broader regional approach we have set out in the *Economic Action Plan* and the use of local and regional intelligence to help shape our delivery.

Whilst Job creation is one part of an enterprise zone's success, other factors include new property development and public transport infrastructure schemes in the Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone, which continue to underline Cardiff's position as an attractive location for investment. Adjacent to Central Station, the private sector is promoting/developing a major £700m commercial, residential, retail and leisure mixed-use at Central Quay. With a masterplan in place for the 2.5m sq. ft. scheme and planning consent for phases one and two granted, property demolitions, site preparation and infrastructure works are underway with future developments to follow. Likewise, Bro Tathan and Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone

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has successfully secured a CAA licence over a 10-month period [Bro Tathan] and we are working closely with Cardiff and the Vale College to explore the potential of providing specialist training provision at the International Centre for Aerospace Training, at Cardiff Airport.

In the Ebbw Vale Enterprise Zone, the Dennison Advanced Materials Centre at Coleg Gwent's Learning Zone has been opened and is responding to the increasing uptake in composites in Welsh manufacturing companies. The College has also introduced an Advanced Composites Apprenticeship course. The National Digital Exploitation Centre, Ebbw Vale is the first research and development facility of its kind in Wales and provides business with a place to test and develop digital concepts. This is a collaboration between Thales, University of South Wales and Welsh Government.

A breakdown of jobs supported (which includes jobs created, safeguarded and assisted) for each of the enterprise zones in south east Wales per year is as follows:

Cardiff Airport and Bro Tathan	2012-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	TOTAL
Created	9	7.6	64	57	2	0	139.6
Safeguarded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assisted	85	0	0	0	7	0	92
Total	94	7.6	64	57	9	0	231.6
Cardiff Central	2012-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	TOTAL
Created	29	73	78.5	301	410	157	1048.5
Safeguarded	51	13	6	3	13	2	88
Assisted	435	463.4	223	179	173	846	2319.4
Total	515	549.4	307.5	483	596	1005	3455.9
Ebbw Vale	2012-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	TOTAL
Created	30	7.5	75	63	28.5	21	225
Safeguarded	61	0.5	9	0	31	0	101.5
Assisted	142	0	0	2	0	0	144
Total	233	8	84	65	59.5	21	470.5

Definitions:

Jobs created – The gross number of jobs created/achieved through direct assistance or financial support and did not exist prior to the activity.

Jobs safeguarded – The number of permanent full time equivalent paid jobs in a client business which would have been lost and have been safeguarded through department support.

Jobs assisted – The gross number of jobs created by businesses in receipt of less intensive forms of assistance from the Welsh Government. *Jobs are recorded when created and not announced.*

A breakdown of public investment for each of these enterprise zones per year is as follows:

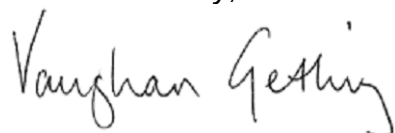
	2012-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	TOTAL
Cardiff Airport and Bro Tathan	£235,170	£2,887,033	£921,071	£9,759,970	£5,340,545	£6,081,207	£25,224,997
Cardiff Central	£22,663,932	£6,426,884	£19,333,358	£13,571,141	£5,176,723	£1,452,847	£68,624,885
Ebbw Vale	£3,890,719	£4,651,081	£7,500,217	£78,530,621.7	£38,750,213.49	£775,390	£134,098,242.26

Definition: The public investment figure includes public expenditure not just on businesses supported in the zones but strategic infrastructure and transport projects directly benefiting the zones and the surrounding areas. For example, the investment figures for Cardiff Central Enterprise Zone include the significant investment in the Eastern Bay Link Road; the Cardiff Airport and Bro Tathan Enterprise Zone includes figures for loan investments made by Welsh Government into Cardiff International Airport. The investment figures for Ebbw Vale Enterprise Zone include the significant investment in the A465 providing direct access to the zone and transport links to the Midlands and beyond. The development of an extension of the railway line from Parkway to The Works site, Ebbw Vale has also provided direct rail access to the Zone

Job and investment figures for 2019/20 and 2020/21 are not yet available.

The Enterprise Zone Advisory Boards (which includes the Chair) for all of these enterprise zones were not renewed on expiry of the previous terms of appointment which ended at 31 July 2018, following a review of broader governance arrangements.

Yours sincerely,



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