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Dear Mr Davies

Written Assembly Question: WAQ77245

You recently wrote to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs with the following Written Assembly Question:

WAQ77245: Will the Cabinet Secretary confirm how many data scientists are directly employed by the department for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs?

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

Provision of detailed analytical and data science support is managed centrally across Welsh Government by analytical heads of profession. That central team of statisticians, researchers and data analysts provides widespread support across the work of Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs and other portfolio areas. Welsh Government has recently begun to develop our data science capacity further by working with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to recruit two data scientists and four data analytic apprentices.



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In addition, we access local data science capacity to support public policy analysis through our partnerships with the ONS Data Science Campus and the data science departments in Swansea and Cardiff Universities.

Yours,

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