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Kirsty Williams AM National Assembly for Wales Cardiff Bay

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Dear Kirsty

Cardiff

Please see below a response to WAQ57113. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What is the proposed budget for the entire Communities First programme for each year until 2013/14, and can the Minister also provide figures for each element of the programme. (WAQ57113)

Carl Sargeant: Communities First continues to deliver support to people in our most disadvantaged areas across Wales.

2011/12 - £45,123,000

In 2011/12 we expect the breakdown to be as follows:

Communities First - £3,500,000

CF Conferences - £5,000

Research - £175,000

Legal Costs - £10,000

Outcomes Fund - £6,501,000

Partnership Funding - £32,000,000

Support Teams in LA Areas - £2,932,000

TOTAL - £45,123,000

The current programme will come to an end in March 2012. We want to ensure that we continue to deliver effective investment and support to people living within the most deprived areas in Wales. Therefore, my officials are currently looking at a range of evidence, from the current programme and wider, in order to consider the future post March 2012

The breakdown of budget in the years 2012/13 and 2013/14 will be dependent on decisions in relation to a future programme and is therefore not currently available. It is important to ensure that we deliver in a way that offers us the greatest impact with our more limited funds.

I am committed to the delivery of a community support programme.

Yours sincerely

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