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Dear Mr Miller,

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 you were provided with a response to your Written Assembly Question asking how many incidents of violence towards staff from pupils were recorded over the past 5 years and, of those incidents, how many involved the use of a knife, and how many involved the use of any other weapon (WAQ59662). The response consisted of a table of the number of exclusions of pupils due to assault or violence against staff by local authority for academic years 2006/07 to 2010/11.

I am writing to inform you that since the data were published in the South Wales Echo and the Evening Post, Swansea local authority have revised their exclusions data, meaning that their data for 2010/11 in the table that you were given is no longer correct. For reference I have included the amended table below and I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## Permanent and fixed-term exclusions due to assault or violence towards staff

Local Authority	Number of exclusions				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Isle of Anglesey	*	7	20	6	*
Gwynedd	*	10	17	14	19
Conwy	23	23	15	24	28
Denbighshire	51	29	35	61	52
Flintshire	34	39	55	44	48
Wrexham	40	32	35	91	35
Powys	28	28	19	49	45
Ceredigion	8	9	11	7	10
Pembrokeshire	42	56	46	32	26
Carmarthenshire	20	40	56	9	10
Swansea	56	43	69	62	49 (r)
Neath Port Talbot	58	36	49	73	90
Bridgend	46	26	34	19	28
The Vale of Glamorgan	22	30	39	21	23
Rhondda Cynon Taf	51	40	41	64	99
Merthyr Tydfil	8	7	6	15	*
Caerphilly	115	173	83	135	120
Blaenau Gwent	9	9	16	11	21
Torfaen	52	49	62	58	71
Monmouthshire	51	52	71	72	68
Newport	82	34	76	112	102
Cardiff	199	141	177	207	226
Wales	1,000	913	1,032	1,186	1,179

Source: Exclusions monitoring return

- (a) Data relate to the number of permanent and fixed term exclusions due to assault or violence towards staff, not the number of pupils being excluded for these reasons. A pupil being excluded for assault or violence towards staff twice during an academic year will be counted twice.
- (b) Includes exclusions from maintained primary and secondary schools as well as special schools and Pupil Referral Units.

\* means that the data item is disclosive. This symbol is used to cover numbers between 1 and 4 to prevent the disclosure of sensitive information. In the event that the covered data items could be identified by subtraction from the Wales total at least one extra data item is covered to prevent this from happening.

For more information please see the statistical release 'Exclusions from Schools in Wales, 2010/11' on the following website:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/schools2012/?lang=en>

Yours truly,

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