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Re: dotCYM campaign

During my Oral Assembly Questions session on 4 June, I agreed to update you should I become aware of further developments with regards to the dotCYM campaign.

As you are aware, the dotCYM campaign falls within the portfolio of Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, the Deputy First Minister.

At the present time his officials are taking forward the One Wales commitment to support a bid for a top level domain (TLD) name for Wales.

The Deputy First Minister supports dotCYM in their application to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the body with responsibility for Internet naming conventions.

Owing to the fact that Wales does not qualify under UN criteria of an independent country this application has to be for a sponsored TLD.

I have been advised that the Deputy First Minister's officials and special advisers meet regularly with representatives of the dotCYM campaign and have recently received a request for short term funding. dotCYM has also provided an outline of the envisaged income and expenditure should the bid be successful.

The Deputy First Minister's officials are looking at ways in which the Welsh Assembly Government can support the campaign at a more practical level. They are currently developing a range of options for his consideration. I understand that they will post regular updates on the Welsh Assembly Government website in relation to this One Wales commitment.

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