



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ82600

Andrew RT Davies MS
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Dear Andrew,

I am writing in response to WQ82600: What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the indoor business events sector and will the Minister make a statement on the need for ongoing, targeted support for businesses specifically within the supply chains of this industry?

We fully recognise the impact of Covid 19 on events including the business events sector which is such an important part of the Welsh Visitor economy. We have made an extensive package of support available to businesses including the Economic Resilience Fund (ERF), Sector Specific Fund (SSF) and Cultural Recovery Fund (CRF). The CRF includes support for supply chain businesses materially impacted by restrictions. These funds are in addition to our non-domestic rate relief scheme, the UK Government Job Retention scheme and wider support available to businesses.

A series of pilot events have been completed including an indoor business event at Celtic Manor Resort and we are consulting stakeholders in relation to a further phase of pilot events.

Yours sincerely,

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