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Dear Darren,

I am writing further to your Written Question requesting a breakdown to date of how much the Welsh Government has spent on the Nation of Sanctuary policy.

Our funding for the Nation of Sanctuary policy has supported the following groups of people:

- Ukrainians in Wales under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, including the Welsh Government's Super Sponsor Scheme;
- Support and integration services for refugees and asylum seekers placed in Wales;
- Support services for migrants in Wales, including EU citizens.

The figure of £54.88m on the Nation of Sanctuary policy was first stated in mid-March 2025 and represented Welsh Government spend to the end of the January 2025. Further costs up to the end of the 2024-25 financial year took the total figure to £63.87m; this included an additional £8m funding to top up the [UK Government's Homelessness Prevention Grant](#).

The Welsh Government additional funding was provided to Local Authorities at the end of March 2025 for them to use at their discretion locally to support **any** individual in housing need of homelessness prevention support and not restricted to any particular group or demographic.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Welsh Government net expenditure

Since the Nation of Sanctuary Plan was first published in 2019, the **net cost** for the Welsh Government on the Nation of Sanctuary policy is as follows:

Table 1 Welsh Government net expenditure on Nation of Sanctuary policy over 6 years (Financial Year 2019-2025)		
Financial year	Total net expenditure per financial year (£000s)	Cumulative year on year net total (£000s)
2019-2020	510	510
2020-2021	91	601
2021-2022	655	1,256
2022-2023	26,334	27,590
2023-2024	31,648	59,238
2024-2025	4,635	63,873

Of the total net cost over six years, from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2025 totalling £63.87m of the National of Sanctuary budget:

- The total spent on the Ukraine response was £58.22m – this represents 91% of the total Nation of Sanctuary budget.
- The total spent on support and integration services for asylum seekers and refugees placed in Wales and support services for migrants in Wales (non-Ukraine related activity) was £5.65m – this represents 9% of the total Nation of Sanctuary budget.

The total amount of £63.87m continues to represent 0.05% of the Welsh Government's budget over the six years, from 2019 to 2025, since the Nation of Sanctuary Plan was published.

Breakdown of net Welsh Government expenditure

The table below sets out the net Welsh Government expenditure per area of the Nation of Sanctuary policy, from April 2019 – March 2025. These figures are approximate.

Table 2 Breakdown of Welsh Government expenditure on Nation of Sanctuary policy over 6 years (Financial Year 2019-2025)	
Activity area	Expenditure from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2025 (£000s)
Ukraine response, including <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation & wraparound support• Support for local authorities• Support for hosts within communities	58,215
Support and integration services – asylum seekers and refugees, including <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wales Sanctuary Service• English language support	4,048

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways into further education and work • Support for move-on accommodation • Family Reunion support 	
Support services – Planned migration & EU citizens, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrant Integration Wales Framework • Immigration legal advice support • EU Settlement Scheme advice 	610
One off donation to the Community Foundation Wales Croeso Fund (March 2022) to support Ukrainians, asylum seekers and refugees in Wales.	1,000
Total over 6 years	63,873

Income from the UK Government

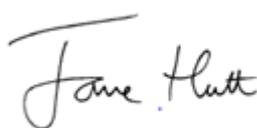
Since 2022 the Welsh Government has received **just under £100m** in income from the UK Government in relation to the Ukraine response. This income includes tariff funding for Ukrainians in the UK under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme which is passed on to Local Authorities, and a proportional share of the [UK Government's Homelessness Prevention Grant](#) (2023-2025) which was provided to ensure that Ukrainian guests can be supported to move into their own homes and reduce the risk of homelessness, also passed on to local authorities in full.

The Welsh Government accounted for the UK Government income within the Nation of Sanctuary budget as the Welsh Government's Ukraine response reflects our Nation of Sanctuary policy in action. At the end of March 2025, as stated above, the Welsh Government topped up the UK Homelessness Prevention Grant funding with an additional £8m.

The table below sets out total UK Government income from 2022 – March 2025:

Table 3. Income from UK Government on Ukraine response (2022-2025)		
Financial year	Total income per financial year (£000s)	Cumulative year on year total (£000s)
2022-2023	74,400	74,400
2023-2024	18,631	93,031
2024-2025	6,427	99,458

Yours sincerely,



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