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Dear Mr Price,

You recently wrote to the First Minister with the following Written Assembly Question:

WQ81009: Will the First Minister list all of the sponsorship units for arms-length bodies which exist within the Welsh Government?

As this question relates to staffing matters, the Minister has asked me to respond to you directly.

In his response to WQ81007 the First Minister set out a list of Arms-length Bodies for which The Welsh Government is responsible. That list included 37 such bodies.

I attach a list of the Welsh Government Divisions (Annex 1) which have responsibility for sponsorship and oversight of those bodies, but it is important to acknowledge the following points;

- all of the organisation listed will have a senior officer who has been designated as the Body’s Accounting Officer by either me or my Additional Accounting Officers;

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• the Divisions listed in the attached list will undertake work not linked directly to their sponsorship role;

• all Divisions listed will call on the services of Group Operations Teams in their sponsorship roles;

• some divisions will be responsible for a number of those listed bodies;

• The Regeneration investment Fund for Wales is no longer operative;

• Management Development Wales is part of the Welsh Government and, therefore, has no separate sponsorship and oversight beyond its internal Welsh Government internal management arrangements.

I hope this provides the information you were seeking. If you require further information I will provide it if I can.

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