Dear Adam,

Thank you for your written question WQ81033 (w), tabled on 2 September. I promised to write to you with detail about the Welsh Government's targets for expenditure on local/Welsh procurement by (i) the public sector in general (ii) Welsh Government specifically as an establishment.

While there are not set targets for expenditure across local / Welsh procurement, the Welsh Government does expect opportunities for Wales based businesses to be built into procurement strategies wherever possible.

This information is monitored and reports a steady increase over the last three years. The Welsh Government is embracing innovative approaches to procurement to strengthen a place based approach to economic policy. This includes the delivery of Better Jobs Closer to Home projects and the broader Foundational Economy approach.

We are engaging with large public sector bodies such as the NHS to use expenditure on PPE and food produce as categories of procurement that can be sourced and purchased from within Wales. This will include working with Tier 1 suppliers to assist them to source goods and services from inside Wales. The lessons learned from the recent activity on PPE and food will inform approaches to increase the levels of local supply engagement in other categories of public sector procurement.

We are working with Public Services Boards and other partners such as the Centre for Local Economic Studies to consider how new ways of working can improve procurement opportunities in local economies.

Yours sincerely,

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