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Dear Angela

Welsh Assembly Government Staff Numbers and Costs

Thank you for your letter of 2nd March, in which you asked for an update on the number of staff who will be leaving as a result of the Voluntary Exit Scheme January 2011, but compensation costs for people who have agreed departure terms before 31 March 2011 will be charged in the 2010/11 accounts.

No staff applying for the Voluntary Exit Scheme January 2011 will be leaving the organisation before the end of March 2011.

Based on available funds for the financial year 2010/11, some 182 applications were accepted in principle in February 2011. If the offer is accepted by staff by the deadline in mid March then they will leave the organisation in the next financial year; by June 2011. A reserve list of 36 applicants has also been created to cover staff who may wish to withdraw from this phase of the scheme. If additional monies do become available in 2010/11 then we will look to offer more exit places in March 2011 to leave by June.

We have deferred making a decision on 445 applications. These cases will be revisited in April when further exit places will be funded from 2011/12 budgets. Such staff will be expected to work until mid July.

Current planning assumptions see 20% of staff withdrawing from the scheme. Therefore we anticipate around 550 staff in total will leave under this scheme.

Yours sincerely

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