

Information Further to Ministerial Answers

Information further to OAQ40063 issued by Sue Essex, the Finance Minister, on 22 December 2004

To William Graham:

Following your oral question to me of 1 December 2004 concerning the funding required to maintain and develop buildings owned or leased by the National Assembly for Wales during 2005, and my subsequent answer, I undertook to write to you in response to your supplementary question. Your supplementary asked for confirmation that the estimated annual running costs outlined in my answer included the Assembly Government's reuse of the LG site at Newport.

In response to the point that you raise I should add that the figures provided to you in the original AQ answer do not include costs associated with the maintenance and modification of the LG site, as the buildings are not used directly by the Assembly Government.

Sufficient funding to support the site will be found through managing resources in-year.

Information further to OAQ40051 issued by Sue Essex, the Finance Minister, on 20 December 2004

To Lisa Francis:

Following the commitment I made to you in Plenary on 1 December 2004, I write with the information you requested in your supplementary to question OAQ40051 regarding the new Assembly building.

Of the £6.7 million budget for information communications technology and media fit-out, I can advise that the estimated infrastructure cost is £4.5 million. This figure includes network and audio-visual equipment, provision of hardware and specialist fixtures.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Information further to OAQ40039 issued by Carwyn Jones, the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside, on 4 January 2005

To Alun Ffred Jones:

On 1 December 2004, in a supplementary question to the Finance Minister, you inquired about the quantity of Treasury funding that will be attracted to the Tir Cynnal scheme in 2005-06. As the Minister with financial responsibility for the Tir Cynnal scheme, your question has been passed to me for reply.

At the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee on 3 November, it was announced that £1.5 million will be allocated to the Tir Cynnal scheme and this will be supported by match funding from HM Treasury. For future years, it is difficult to predict expenditure on Tir Cynnal given that the rate of take-up by farmers is yet unknown, but match funding has been committed for the period covered by the recent spending review.

I have copied my response to the Finance Minister.