

EEAC Ministers Report Annex 1. 30 January 2003

Date	Assembly Minister/Official/ Division	Event	Objectives	Outcomes
5/12/02-06/12/03-	Andrew Davies Economic Development Minister	Prague Trade Mission	Sign Trade agreement with Check authorities.	Signed agreement for Wales & the Czech Republic to develop partnerships in areas concerning SME's, inward and outward trade missions/fairs, public sector projects, exchange of economic/commercial information and to further European economic co-operation. Similarly, to work more closely in the field of economic development and to promote trade between both countries.
11/12/02	Andrew Davies Economic Development Minister	Patti Hoffman American Embassy	Establish current US Embassy activity with respect to Wales; Reinforce the message about the primacy of Government and Ministers' expectations with regard to contact and information flow.	No details as yet
12/12/02 – 14/12/02	Jane Davidson AM	Speak at EARLALL Leonardo Conference 'Valorisation Project', Florence	1) To take part in discussions on the outcome of the valorisation process carried out in 7 European regions. 2) To deliver a keynote speech to the Forum on the topic of "continuous improvement in Lifelong Learning through benchmarking and sharing best practices and products".	Recognition of proposals; networking / sharing best practice opportunity.
8 & 9 January 03	Brian Gibbons AM	Senator John Faulkner	Meetings with senior officials and visits to 2 PPP (Public Private partnerships), St Davids Community Hospital, Cardiff & Vales	Mr Faulkner spoke with Officials on the subject of the financing of PPPs

	David Richards PFO.	Australia, Leader of Opposition in the Senate.	NHS Trust and Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymini, Caerphilly.) To observe the working of PPPs in Wales. The Senator is the Australian Shadow Minister for Public Administration and Home Affairs.	and visited two projects with a view to understanding the Welsh experience and obtain views on the effectiveness of PPPs. He expressed satisfaction with the assistance given.
13 January 2003	Ifona Deeley & Sandra Stephenson. EEAD	Dr David Carter-British High Commissioner to Bangladesh	Meetings with Various members of the Bangladeshi Community in Cardiff. Visit arranged by FCO.	Assistance offered as Courtesy to Dr Carter and FCO.
15 January 2003	First Minister	Reception for Japanese Industrialists	Establish new contacts in order to promote Wales as a suitable location for Japanese companies to invest	Visitors expressed their thanks for the courtesy offered to them during the visit. Several complementary remarks were made concerning opportunities in Wales but it will be some time before it is known if any Economic benefits accrued from this visit.
28 January	Andrew Davies Economic Development Minister	Meeting with Indian IT Minister	Provisional. Visit Not Confirmed as yet.	Not Known Yet
29 & 30 January 03	Meetings with Jane Davidson (confirmed) possibly meetings with DFM and EDM Division: Sandra Stephenson EEAD	Mel Capp Canadian High Commissioner	Newly appointed Commissioner – first visit to Wales. Intends addressing Assembly and Members, meeting Ministers (as detailed in column 2) and possibly visiting 2 companies with the WDA.	Not Known as Yet