

Information further to Ministerial Answers

**Information further to OAQ20198 issued by the Finance Minister,
Edwina Hart, on 13 November 2002**

To All Assembly Members:

During Assembly questions on 13 November, I undertook to let you know when a final decision had been taken on the available funding for Operation Tarian, which is the joint strategic approach being developed by southern Wales police forces to avert the threat from an influx of class A drugs and drug gangs.

I am now able to advise you that the Welsh Assembly Government will provide recurrent funding of £631,520 in 2003-04; £636,589 in 2004-05 and £641,835 in 2005-06. In addition, the Assembly will find one-off capital expenditure in 2003-04 of £644,500. This funding will be met from the new safer communities fund which I announced in my draft budget and which will be worth £11.2 million over the next three years.