

WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY 2002 – ORAL UPDATE

In addition to my Written Report, I also raised the following items under Agenda Item 3.

Wind Farms

An addendum to the item of page 5 of the Written Report. Please insert "drew up its response to the DTI" on line 6 after the words "website on 26 October".

RSA statistics

To clarify item 3 of the Written Report, the "record activity" for RSA in 2001 related to a record number of projects offered support (240).

Appointment of Ieuan Evans

Delighted to appoint Mr Ieuan Evans as a member of the Wales Tourist Board.

Price & Orphin

Very disappointed at company's decision to close this plant in Newtown. WDA, along with other Assembly bodies, in close contact with company— will provide all possible assistance to affected staff.

Swansea Dockland

Pleased that able to give WDA an additional £5.6 million in current financial year to secure remaining 50 hectares of land surrounding the Prince of Wales dock in Swansea for the completion of the Port Tawe Innovation Village.

Corus

I met the Corus Chief Executive, Tony Peddar, along with Stuart Pettifor and Mark Carr this morning. Very pleased that company has restated its commitment to Wales and noted their concerns at what they saw as the erosion of the steel customer base in Britain.

Trade Mission to Israel

As a supplement to the information in Section 1.2 (Recent Engagements) of the Written Report, it should be noted that this Mission had been very well received, especially in view of the current political conditions which had seen the cancellation of missions to Israel from other parts of the UK.

Wales Trade International (WTI)'s involvement in Showcase Ireland

As a supplement to the information in Section 1.2 (Recent Engagements) of the Written Report, it should be noted that WTI's involvement in this event made an important and positive

contribution to the craft and gift sector at a crucial time for this sector. It prepared the ground for future collaborations on international trade development.