

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EDC 11-02(p5a)**

### **Minister for Economic Development Oral update to Committee – 12 JUNE 2002**

In addition to my Written Report, I also raised the following items under Agenda Item 4.

#### **Tourism performance**

Early indications are that tourism has picked up significantly this year. The Wales Tourist Board undertook a telephone survey of some 100 operators in the tourism sector in Wales. Feedback was very encouraging. Almost half of the surveyed operators reported significant increases in business compared to last year. This was also reflected in my recent visits and meetings throughout Wales. In my Written Report I mentioned three tourist 'operators' in Brecon – they also indicated a similar increase in business.

This is not just an improvement in visitor numbers, and the associated visitor expenditure, but is also a tribute to the good quality attractions we now have in Wales, linked to quality hotel accommodation and good restaurants.