

Our Draft Budget 2013-2014



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Welsh Government

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What is the Welsh Government for?

Wales has its own Government - making policies and laws for our country. When the Welsh Government was put in charge, it made a number of promises about how it would improve people's lives. These promises are set out in a '**Programme for Government**'. It describes the Welsh Government's plans to help people to have a

good quality of life by making sure they are safe, get a good education, live in a nice environment, can gain a job or training and that their health is looked after.

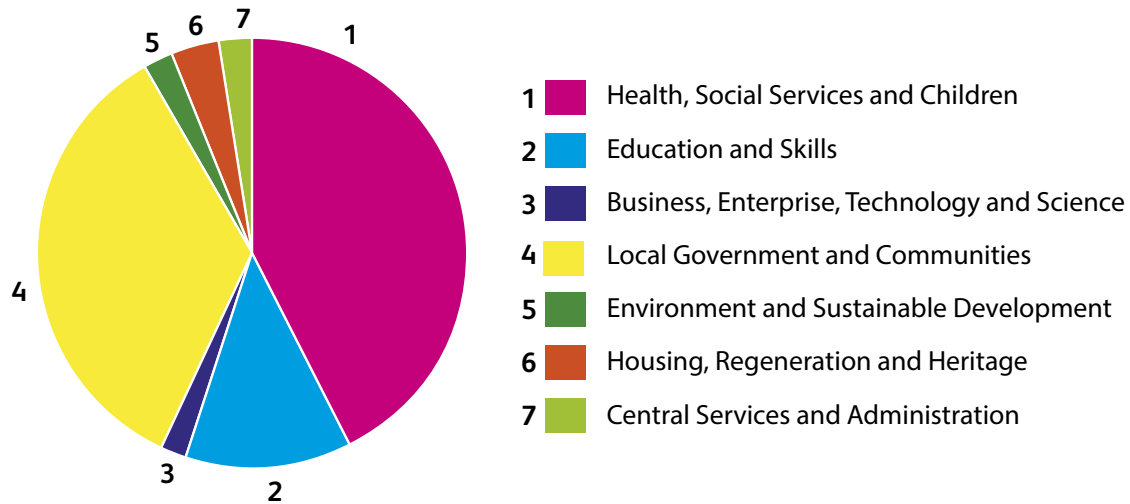
To do this the Welsh Government makes decisions in many areas such as education; health; transport; the environment and housing.

How does the Welsh Government spend its money?

The Welsh Government spends about £15 billion each year on services for the public in Wales. On 2 October, Jane Hutt, the Finance Minister, published the Budget which sets out how the Welsh Government intends to spend the £15 billion in the year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 to deliver the promises in the Programme for Government.

In 2013-14, the main goal is to help create more jobs and support the Welsh economy. The Welsh Government is providing an extra £175 million over the next two years to support this work and is targeting the money towards improving schools, hospitals, housing, roads and energy efficiency.

The Welsh Government is proposing to spend its budget as follows:



1 Health, Social Services and Children **£6.3 billion**

We spend this money to try to keep people healthy and look after them when they need help.

This includes money to:

- Provide doctors, dentists and nurses
- Improve hospitals
- Give help to families with young children
- Provide care services for children and the elderly

Did you know?

The Welsh Government is providing £74 million over 3 years for the 'Flying Start' programme to double the number of children benefitting from free childcare and health visiting giving children the best start in life.

2 Education and Skills **£1.8 billion**

We spend this money to help people learn and achieve as much as they can.

This includes funding to:

- Provide the Educational Maintenance Allowance
- Build and maintain schools
- Provide money to schools for things like uniforms, milk for children, electricity, gas, cleaning, etc.
- Run colleges and universities and help young Welsh people to go to study in college or university
- Encourage people to use the Welsh language
- Improve the skills of young people so that they can get a job including apprenticeships

Did you know?

Almost £500 million is spent on Further Education colleges in Wales every year.

3 Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science **£274 million**

We spend this money to make the best conditions for companies to do well in and create more jobs for people. This includes funding to:

- Help businesses grow
- Create jobs in Wales
- Attract new jobs to Wales
- Improve tourism, IT and broadband
- Support rural communities

Did you know?

Through a range of sources, over £400 million will be invested in Wales over the next 3 years so we all have access to high speed broadband by the end of 2015.

4 Local Government and Communities **£5.1 billion**

We spend this money to give local government the resources to provide the best services that the people in Wales deserve to have and to make the places where we live safer and nicer to live in.

This includes money to:

- Improve our roads and railways
- Fund council services including schools and social services
- Support our Fire and Rescue services

Did you know?

We are investing nearly £12 million to improve Road Safety in 2013-14.

5 Environment and Sustainable Development **£327 million**

We spend this money to make sure we make the best use of Welsh natural resources and all our decisions help make a better future for our grandchildren and their grandchildren and not just us. This includes funding to:

- Make better use of our energy and water
- Recycle more rubbish & waste
- Look after our National Parks

Did you know?

We are investing over £140 million to help protect Welsh homes against flooding and coastal erosion between 2011-12 and 2015-16.

6 Housing, Regeneration and Heritage **£556 million**

We spend this money to help people live in safe houses and communities and make sure the culture and language of Wales lives on. This includes funding to:

- Make sure everyone has a decent place to live
- Encourage everyone to do more exercise
- Maintain our castles and historic buildings
- Give free access to museums in Wales

Did you know?

We give local authorities £3.5m each year so that children across Wales can access free swimming.

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Central Services and Administration

£349 million

This money is used to enable the running of the Welsh Government and includes funding for staff costs, IT services and the Welsh Government buildings.

This includes money to:

- Help people who may be treated unfairly
- Encourage Wales to be a Fair Trade Country
- Make sure everyone can use digital technology, like the internet

Did you know?

We are investing £1.5 million in 2013-14 to improve Gypsy and Traveller sites so that Gypsy and Traveller communities in Wales have a place to live.



Every pound we spend can have an impact on your life.

To find out more about how we spend this money visit our website

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where you'll find each area organised by topic.