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Mike Hedges MS
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Senedd Cymru

25 March 2026

Dear Mike,

In accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, I am writing to notify you that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department for Work (DWP) and Pensions and Welsh Government was published on 25 March 2026. It can be found [here](#).

This MoU sets out the framework for the devolution of non-Jobcentre Plus employment support funding to Welsh Ministers. It defines the funding in scope, the process for agreeing and transferring funding via Budget Cover Transfers, and the governance arrangements that will apply. The MoU confirms that funding will be used by the Welsh Government to deliver employment support within existing devolved powers, aligned with wider Welsh and UK provision, and supported by ongoing joint working in line with the [DWP–Welsh Government Concordat](#).

Please also note that an additional Trailblazer Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 and was published on 23 March 2026 and is available [here](#). This provides for up to £10 million of additional funding and sits alongside the [original MoU](#), signed on 27 March 2025, which remains valid.

I have also copied this letter to the chairs of the following committees Equality and Social Justice and Finance and the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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