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Dear Jocelyn,

During the evidence session at Finance Committee on 26 June I gave a commitment to provide you with some further information.

First, Professor Dylan Jones-Evans is due submit his second stage report on the availability of financing for SMEs in Wales by mid November.

Second, in terms of supply chain activity, Business Wales supports buyers in the public and private sector to make contracts accessible to companies in Wales and is involved in a number of strategic supply chain projects. Suppliers can access a range of Workshops, Supplier Briefings and Meet the Buyer Events as well as one-to-one support to assist them in developing tender submissions.

There is also a wide range of sector-focussed, supply-chain activity across Wales, which is further developed within our Enterprise Zones. For example, the Anglesey and Snowdonia Enterprise Zones have been showcased by the Energy and Environment Sector to demonstrate the strong skills base and strength in the nuclear energy sub-sector. Officials are working with key stakeholders, including Horizon to develop a pan-Wales supply-chain capability assessment. This will inform support requirements for indigenous businesses and identify opportunities for targeting inward investment.

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