Jane Hutt AC / AM Y Gweinidog Cyllid Minister for Finance



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Antoinette Sandbach AM,

Dear Antoinelle

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Following your question on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in plenary, I agreed to write to you to confirm the external legal costs and the cost of the internal Legal Services Department during the fourth Assembly.

The approximate spend in relation to external legal fees, inclusive of VAT and disbursements, for the three year period 1 May 2011 to 13 June 2014 was £7.7 million (an average annual expenditure of circa £2.6 million). The costs of employing lawyers in the Legal Services Department are approximately £8 million per annum.

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