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Dear Janet,

You raised a question with the Minister for Finance and Government Business during Minister's questions on the 12 November. The Minister for Finance and Government Business has asked me to respond as your question relates to matters within my portfolio.

You asked:

You will be aware of the dialogue that I have had with Natural Resources Wales in relation to storm damage repairs in my constituency. Over £4 million has been provided to Conwy for much-needed storm damage repairs, the majority of which we have yet to see carried out. Natural Resources Wales, of course, is the organisation that permits the licences for marine permit licences, but there has been a huge void in the actual regulation of these and in their enforcement. What percentage of funding, when you allocate funding to this department, actually goes to the regulation and enforcement of marine permit licences?

Further to the responses to WAQ67782, WAQ68012, WAQ68013 and WAQ67137 you will be aware that marine licences enforcement is a function for Welsh Government. Natural Resources Wales undertake the delegated Marine Licence Authority function on behalf of Welsh Ministers. As a result Natural Resources Wales do not have any budget set aside for enforcement and regulation.

Yours sincerely

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