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National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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Dear William

**P-03-170 Increase the Number of People with a Learning Disability Employed by the Public Sector in Wales**

Thank you for your letter of 14 July 2011 about the above petition.

Early last year, the Assembly Commission's Equality team worked with Mencap Cymru and their consortium partners to identify a suitable supported work placement opportunity for a person with a learning disability who had requested a work placement with the Assembly.

After matching up the person's skill-set with a vacancy in the Research Service, a pilot supported work placement for four hours per week began last summer. The pilot is due to finish on 19 August 2011.

The initial feedback suggests that the individual has found the paid placement to be enormously beneficial, as has the team in the Research

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Service. The individual undertaking the work placement provided the following for the Commission's Annual Equality Report 2010:

"I get great satisfaction from my work placement. I find the work very interesting. I now feel more confident meeting new people and am able to use this opportunity to build on my skills and social networks."

Once the pilot has come to an end on 19 August, the HR and Equality teams will conduct a review of the placement. The results of this review will inform the development of a wider strategy for future work placements/paid employment for people from under-represented groups. I have asked the Equality team to ensure that the Committee is kept informed of progress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

**Claire Clancy**

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