P-04-397 Living Wage – update from the Minister for Public Services, 14.07.15

The Living Wage – as set by the Living Wage Foundation – was discussed at the December 2014 Workforce Partnership Council (WPC), and was also an item at the WPC meeting earlier this month. These agenda items offered the opportunity for the Minister for Public Services to update on progress in respect on the Living Wage, as referred to in the Programme for Government summary provided to you previously, and for wider discussion.

In light of those discussions with social partners, the Minister has invited trade unions and Local Authorities to work with the Welsh Government to consider, in detail, practical issues around how Local Authorities in Wales can adopt the Living Wage on a consistent basis.

Our focus remains on the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage and not the lower, alternative formulation referred to by the UK Government in its recent Budget.