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*Dear Andrew,*

Further to the holding reply for the Written Assembly Question below, I am now in a position to provide you with a full response.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What progress has the Welsh Assembly Government made in meeting its commitment to establish pilot school classes on Saturdays and Sundays? (WAQ56043)

The Welsh Assembly Government has made considerable progress in delivering this One Wales commitment. A number of pilot schemes for Saturday and summer schools for arts and sports have already been delivered.

#### **Arts**

The Arts Council for Wales supports two programmes. The first, Splash Arts Wales, is a partnership with the Youth Action Board aimed at 13 - 17 year olds with a risk of offending. An evaluation of activities has shown that there is an indication of improved school attendance and behaviour, and a reduction in anti-social activity as result. The second, involving National Youth Arts Wales, has enabled the establishment of a National Youth Dance Programme with a series of residential summer schools and workshops.

#### **Sport**

Lessons learned through the pilot schemes are being used by all of the local authorities in Wales to inform their delivery plans for sport and physical activity. For example, in Pembrokeshire weekend fun football sessions are now run on four leisure centre sites, aimed at attracting young people not already engaged with football. Sport Wales advise that this initiative is proving very successful. It has been funded and will be rolled out across the authority area as part of the Local Authority Partnership Agreement.

You also asked:

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What resources has the Welsh Assembly Government committed in each year since 2007 to meet its commitment to establish pilot school classes on Saturdays and Sundays. (WAQ56044)

The Welsh Assembly Government has committed £400,000 since 2007 to support this One Wales commitment.

Sport Wales and the Arts Council of Wales both received additional funding of £50,000 in 2008-09 and £125,000 in 2009-10 to deliver the pilot schemes, which have been very successful.

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