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*Dear Mr Bates*

You recently tabled WAQ57182 in which you asked the First Minister to give figures for the number of Welsh Assembly Government employees in Newtown and Montgomeryshire by department, per year for the past ten years. The First Minister has asked me to respond.

The Welsh Assembly Government introduced the current HR Information System in 2006 to collect data on a wide range of staffing issues, including occupancy levels at each office within the Assembly Government estate. Prior to this time, a variety of systems, both electronic and manual, were utilised to record, independently, details of staffing levels and details of office accommodation on a monthly basis. As a result, the historical data from these discrete systems can often be contradictory and, with the previous electronic systems having been disposed of, we have only paper records from which to collate this information prior to 2006.

We have estimated that to locate the necessary files, extract the relevant information from each, attempt to resolve data contradictions and collate the information as you have requested, would take a considerable amount of time, in the region of 3-5 days. There is a possibility that even after undertaking this work the data provided might be incomplete or inaccurate. We have previously published data relating to overall staffing numbers for each year but it is the correlation between these numbers and the individual locations which would prove problematic. I have, therefore, taken the decision to provide data from 2006 onwards only, which I hope will prove to be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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	Department	Machynlleth		Montgomery		Newtown		Welshpool		Montgomeryshire Total	
		Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
31 March 2006	Department for the Economy & Transport	33	30.22	0	0	0	0	8	6.2	41	36.42
	Local Government and Culture Department	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4
	Rural Affairs & Heritage	8	7.59	2	2	6	6	0	0	16	15.59
	Social Justice & Local Government	0	0	0	0	7	6.31	0	0	7	6.31
	<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37.81</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>62.32</b>
31 March 2007	Constitutional Affairs, Equality & Communications	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
	Corporate Information & Services	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	3
	Dept for Child Educ Lifelong Learning & Skills	0	0	0	0	36	33.02	0	0	36	33.02
	Department for the Economy & Transport	54	52.84	0	0	54	51.91	7	6.49	115	111.24
	Dept for Public Service & Performance	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
	Human Resources Department	0	0	0	0	5	3.84	0	0	5	3.84
	Local Government and Culture Department	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4
	Rural Affairs & Heritage	10	9.41	0	0	12	11.81	0	0	22	21.22
	Social Justice & Local Government	0	0	0	0	7	6.31	0	0	7	6.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62.25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>112.89</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6.49</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>185.63</b>	
31 March 2008	Constitutional Affairs, Equality & Communications	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
	Corporate Information & Services	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
	Dept for Child Educ Lifelong Learning & Skills	0	0	0	0	37	35.74	0	0	37	35.74
	Department for Health & Social Services	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5
	Department for the Economy & Transport	18	17.35	0	0	48	45.17	6	5.49	72	68.01
	Dept for Public Service & Performance	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
	Human Resources Department	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
	Rural Affairs & Heritage	42	40.9	4	4	16	15.4	0	0	62	60.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58.25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>108.31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5.49</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>176.05</b>	

	Department	Machynlleth		Montgomery		Newtown		Welshpool		Montgomeryshire Total	
		Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
31 March 2009	Department for the Economy & Transport	0	0	0	0	52	47.15	0	0	52	47.15
	Dept for Child Educ Lifelong Learning & Skills	0	0	0	0	32	31.21	0	0	32	31.21
	Health & Social Services DG	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	4
	People, Places & Corporate Services	0	0	0	0	4	3.79	0	0	4	3.79
	Public Services & Local Govt Delivery	0	0	0	0	1	0.81	0	0	1	0.81
	Sustainable Futures	0	0	4	4	12	10.32	0	0	16	14.32
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>97.28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>101.28</b>
31 March 2010	Department for the Economy & Transport	0	0	0	0	42	38.08	0	0	42	38.08
	Dept for Child Educ Lifelong Learning & Skills	0	0	0	0	30	28.15	0	0	30	28.15
	Health & Social Services DG	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5
	People, Places & Corporate Services	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
	Public Services & Local Govt Delivery	0	0	0	0	1	0.81	0	0	1	0.81
	Sustainable Futures	0	0	3	3	8	7.12	0	0	11	10.12
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81.16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>84.16</b>

**Notes:** Mergers programme in 2006 significantly increased Welsh Assembly Government presence in Montgomeryshire, including WDA and ELWa in Newtown. Staff based in Machynlleth relocated as part of new Assembly Government building development in Aberystwyth.