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# THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

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| **TITLE** | **Publication of the Welsh Language Strategy Annual Report 2016-17** |
| **DATE** | **29 March 2018** |
| **BY** | **Eluned Morgan AM, Minister for Welsh language and lifelong learning** |

Today, I have agreed to publish our annual report for 2016-17 in relation to the Welsh Government’s Welsh language strategy.

2016-17 was the final full year our strategy *A living language: a language for living* was operational, and during this period we worked on developing the strategy that replaced it, with its target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050. As a result of this focus on drafting and beginning to implement the new strategy, this report is being published a little later than we would have wished.

The Welsh Government’s strategy, *A living language: a language for living* (*Iaith fyw: Iaith byw*) was published in 2012 for the period 2012-17. The policy statement *A living language: a language for living -* *Moving Forward* (*Iaith fyw: Iaith byw – Bwrw Mlaen*)*,* published in August 2014, gave specific focus to our priorities as a Government over the final three years of the strategy. The report that I have agreed to publish today summarises our achievements in relation to those priorities during 2016-17, noting how those activities contribute to the six Strategic Areas of the Strategy.

Link to document:

<http://gov.wales/topics/welshlanguage/welsh-language-strategy-and-policies/welsh-language-policies-upto-2017/wl-strategy-annual-report/?lang=en>

### *This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Assembly returns I would be happy to do so.*