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Dear Suzy,

Thank you for your question of 3 April during the Oral Assembly Questions answered by Minister Finance & Trefnydd regarding Tech Valleys.

The priority sector approach recognised the importance of the Tech sector and how integral it is to the health of the overall economy. Since 2010 the Welsh Government ICT sector team helped create, safeguard or assist more than 111000 high value jobs in the sector.

South Wales has emerged as a technology centre, with major businesses such as EE and General Dynamics enjoying Welsh Government backed, growth in the Valleys alongside our support to initiatives such as Welsh ICE that provide an environment conducive to the startup and success of smaller tech enterprises. We also work closely with a range of well established Welsh based technology businesses and long term investors that provide a strong foundation for the sector and tech expertise in the region.

The Economic Action Plan, with its focus on automation, innovation and digitalisation continues the focus on developing innovative sectors such as Tech, with the establishment of the regional units to ensure that wealth and opportunity spreads to all parts of the region ironing out regional disparities.

As chair of the Valleys taskforce our ambition is to make the Valleys a better place to invest as well as live. I will ensure that the work of the taskforce also aligns with the Economic Action Plan.

Yours sincerely

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