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Dear Llywydd,

During the debate on 'Unsustainable - debt fuelled by the rising cost of living' - 13th September 2023 – I stated that from 1 May – 31 July, DAF made 672 off-grid payments totalling £135,000. This was based on information provided by officials.

Officials have now informed me that whilst the figures were correct the timeframe given to me was incorrect. It should have been from July 2022 to July 2023 – so 672 off-grid payments totalling £135,000 were made between July 2022 and July 2023.

I wish to correct the record as soon as possible to ensure the Senedd has the correct information.

I also wish to highlight a clarification to the record – the number of EAP applications made since April 2023 is 179,000 rather than the amount spent being £179,000.

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