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Dear William

**Response to the Enterprise and Business Committee in respect of Large Scale Job Losses**

Further to my attendance at the recent Enterprise and Business Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, please find attached a copy of the skills report relating to the “Shaping the Future” project for Magnox staff based at the Wylfa and Trawsfynydd facilities in north Wales.

Please also find attached a summary of the indicative impact of the Welsh Government’s Department for Education and Skills contribution to the Murco Taskforce.

I trust the Committee finds this information useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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## Murco Taskforce - Department for Education and Skills (DfES)

### Summary of the indicative impact of DfES contribution to the Murco Taskforce

<p><b>Individual employment</b></p> <p>(Murco HR 25/06/15)</p> <p>(JC+ Update due Sept)</p>	<p>460 Murco staff and contractors have been made redundant. The last staff will leave on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2015.</p> <p>Puma have indicated that 72 will be needed for their operations.</p> <p>69% of Murco employees have found work (over 1/3 within Pembrokeshire) 12% are still searching.</p> <p>84 Murco staff and 82 contractors have claimed job seekers allowance, with 47 and 41 still signing on.</p> <p>12 apprentices and 3 graduate placement students have been transferred by Pembrokeshire colleague to Valero to continue their training.</p>
<p><b>Penna</b></p> <p>(Final Penna contract finished 30/06/2015)</p>	<p>Over 15,604 jobs were advertised by the appointed outsourcing agency Penna, of which 1/3 were general technician and engineering roles and 7% were in Pembrokeshire. They delivered a series of workshops to make people aware of the support available to them, assist them in all aspects including interview skills, financial planning and setting up their own businesses.</p>
<p><b>Jobs Fairs</b></p>	<p>JCP organised a jobs fair in December attracting 314 people whilst another more specialised event in January had 160 attendees. A further generic jobs fair was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> with 30 employers attending. Careers Wales supported the careers fairs providing advice, guidance and support to access ReACT funding.</p>
<p><b>Careers Wales</b></p>	<p>Careers Wales Advisers have worked with a total of 320 individuals, 25% approximately are from the subcontractor network. A total of 480 one to one interviews have taken place providing general careers advice and guidance in addition to support for funding applications.</p> <p>Support to individuals continues to be available via the Individual Skills Gateway for those who are no longer eligible for ReACT support.</p>
<p><b>ReACT</b></p>	<p>£167,195 of ReACT funding has been awarded to 185 beneficiaries.</p> <p>£58,400 of ReACT funding has supported 17 employers, to recruit and upskill 25 individuals that have been made redundant.</p>
<p><b>Murco Transform Skills Programme</b></p>	<p>£363,000 has been committed to the new Murco Transform Skills Programme. 16 of the employers most affected by the Murco closure have been working with a Workforce Development Advisor to identify skills needs to diversify business operations. Funding totalling £150,936.97 has been awarded to upskill and train 193 individuals.</p>

**Final Evaluation:** Cardiff University produced an evidence base of the economic risk of the Murco closure in June 2014. Evaluation will be conducted next year so that the lasting impact can be monitored 12 months after closure.