

Pwyllgor yr Amgylchedd, Cynllunio a Chefn Gwlad

Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee

Carwyn Jones LLB AM

Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside

National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Carwyn,

Reprioritisation of the Environment, Planning and Countryside Main Expenditure Group

You will be aware that the Committee agreed an amended proposal drafted by Elin Jones AM to reprioritise the Environment, Planning and Countryside Main Expenditure Group in order to restore the level of funding for Tir Mynydd payments.

The amended proposal is set out in the table below:

Proposed Tir Mynydd Budget

| £m | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Total |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Domestic | 19.10 | 24.60 | 23.62 | 23.97 | 23.84 | 23.76 | 23.55 | 162.44 |
| EU | 4.89 | 4.40 | 1.68 | 1.72 | 1.64 | 1.57 | 1.47 | 17.37 |
| VM | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total | 23.99 | 29.0 | 25.3 | 25.69 | 25.48 | 25.33 | 25.02 | 179.81 |

This will be achieved by reductions in the Tir Gofal and Tir Cynnal budget lines, as follows:

Tir Gofal

| £m | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Total |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Domestic | 19.39 | 21.23 | 22.61 | 22.79 | 22.89 | 22.96 | 23.09 | 154.96 |
| EU | 3.69 | 5.01 | 5.40 | 5.41 | 5.39 | 5.38 | 5.36 | 35.64 |
| VM | 4.92 | 3.18 | 7.17 | 6.98 | 6.90 | 6.84 | 6.73 | 42.72 |
| Total | 28.00 | 29.42 | 35.18 | 35.18 | 35.18 | 35.18 | 35.18 | 233.32 |

Tir Cynnal

| £m | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Total |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Domestic | 6.40 | 5.65 | 4.50 | 4.51 | 4.51 | 4.48 | 4.51 | 34.56 |
| EU | 1.63 | 2.41 | 3.72 | 3.72 | 3.72 | 3.72 | 3.72 | 22.64 |
| VM | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total | 8.03 | 8.06 | 8.22 | 8.23 | 8.23 | 8.20 | 8.23 | 57.20 |

In addition, it is proposed to re-allocate £1 million of the Minister's Tir Cymru budget line for 2007-08 for catchment sensitive farming additionally to Tir Mynydd funding for 2008.

As agreed by Party Leaders during discussions on the final budget, you are required to report the outcome of the Committee's deliberations to Plenary in the form of a motion which seeks Assembly Members' endorsement of the changes proposed.

Yours sincerely,

Glyn Davies AM

Committee Chair