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Dear Mr. Alun Davies,

**Follow up of employment information as requested at the end of the Rural Development Sub-Committee Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March by Penarth Vineyard, Newtown**

The average employment for small English vineyards seems to be one person per hectare of vines. Based on our experience there is also a further fifty percent of part timers and the same again for local suppliers. Two full time jobs per hectare would be a reasonable estimate of economic impact.

Employment Example of one of England's largest vineyards in Sussex

- Own production – 25 acres
  - Contract production – 170 acres
- } Projected production 400,000 bottles
- Employees – 10 full time
    - 2 apprentices
    - 3-10 full time for shop, tours, winery etc.

The total number of vineyards in England is now over 400 whereas in Wales we have about 10. I have enclosed copies of recent correspondence with the local authority as an example of their negative impact on the businesses. It is now the middle of March and there has still been no answer to a simple enquiry as to their policy towards vineyards. Prior to this I hired a planning adviser who spent a year trying to achieve similar guidance, but that exercise ended with an enforcement notice against our Tasting Room and shop!

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Herbert