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Dear Janice,

You may have seen the recent figures released by the Assembly Government's Statistical Directorate in relation to the provision of affordable housing.

You will also know that earlier this year, I announced our progress against the One Wales target of 6,500, announcing figures that, while demonstrating that we were on target, are different to those recently announced.

I would like to clarify any confusion between the differences.

Up until March 2007, our own system for reporting the number of affordable homes built counted only certain categories and consistently under reported the activity. The Statistics Directorate decided to re-examine the basis for counting.

Therefore, I have quoted housing statistics produced by the Wales Economic Research Unit (WERU) for 2007/08 and during this year for 2008/09. This research exercise was commissioned by Community Housing Cymru, and the Assembly Government made a small financial contribution. The research covered the supply of housing produced by Housing Associations only.

As a result of the work that produced a revised methodology by our Statistical Directorate, figures have been re-calculated for those two years. These figures count all additional affordable housing units, i.e. those produced by Housing Associations, Local Authorities and other providers.

The Assembly Government figures therefore show a slight increase on the WERU figures.

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I am still pleased to confirm that we are on track to meet the commitment we made to produce 6,500 additional homes by 2011.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jocelyn Davies".

Jocelyn Davies AM

