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National Assembly for Wales
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Dear Gareth

Re Priorities for the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

As you may be aware, Atos provides and supports technology that is vital to the Welsh economy and delivers critical digital services to support the country's economic, environmental and social wellbeing.

With a team of 150 highly experienced, business technologists based in Wales, we understand the rapidly changing digital technology landscape while grounding innovative thinking and solutions in the context of business.

Examples of work we currently undertake in Wales include:

- Welsh Government, supporting technology at Government sites across Wales.
- Rural Payments Wales; providing application support and infrastructure services in Aberystwyth and Cardiff
- Local Authorities; helping local agencies to break new ground through collaboration and data analytics.
- Wales Air Ambulance Service; supporting its new cloud-based Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service system.

Earlier this year, we were proud to play our part in supporting world-leading scientists at Cardiff University on the ground-breaking detection of gravitational waves. The work of Cardiff University's Gravitational Physics Group is supported by a Bull supercomputer. Bull is the technology division of Atos which specialises in designing, building and operating some of the worlds' largest supercomputers. A team of experts from Bull has been working alongside the scientists in order to maximise the performance of the systems, allowing the teams to make the breakthrough.

We are also currently working on a project to bring together data from local government, health boards and the police in Wales to identify the most vulnerable in society and to find a way to ensure that public services better react to the needs of citizens in the future.

Atos combines our deep knowledge of Wales with our wealth of experience across the UK and worldwide and we would welcome the opportunity to provide the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee with our suggestions for the Committee's future work programme.

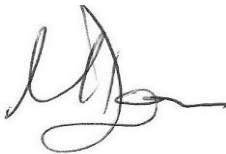
Atos recognises that communities across Wales are currently at a crossroads, however the direction of travel is clear. Digital technology is going to power tomorrow's cities and public services, fueled by devolved political authority, retail innovation and collaboration between the public and private sector. Fundamental to Wales as a nation, grasping and delivering this opportunity will be the need to design the digital journey for the citizen, as well as the relationship that public bodies must develop with them.

We are currently working with partners across the public and private sectors to draw together a Digital Vision for Wales, which will outline how the Welsh Government, local authorities and public services can work together to deliver resilient, efficient and safe services and boost the economy.

We would therefore, like to suggest that the Committee considers looking at the transformation of digital services particularly within the Welsh public sector, and would welcome the opportunity to provide evidence on any future consultations in this area.

We look forward to working with you over the Fifth Assembly.

Yours sincerely



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