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Dear Mike,

During the Business Statement on 16 July, you raised the important issue of financial transactions capital and I agreed to write to you with an update. The UK Government restrictions placed on use of financial transactions continues to constrain our ability to maximise the full monetary face value and effectiveness of this funding as a part of our Capital DEL. As I stated in Plenary, we have nevertheless worked to use this funding in innovative ways to support the delivery of important Welsh Government priorities. I attach a list of all of the programmes supported to date.

Over the years we have taken steps to make available more detailed information about Financial Transactions funding as part of the published budget documentation. Annex D of the [outline draft budget 2019-20](#) includes a summary table of repayment profiles for financial transactions investments, including amounts and when they are due to be repaid.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Finance Committee and will place a copy in the National Assembly's library.

Yours sincerely,

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Allocation of Financial Transactions Capital from 2013-14 to 2020-21¹

Project/Programme	£m
Help to Buy Cymru – To help qualifying home buyers purchase a new build home with a low loan-to-value mortgage and provide a boost to the construction industry.	463
Development Bank for Wales – Investment funds to provide access to finance for SMEs, support business growth, boost exports and create/safeguard jobs. Includes funds for tourism, rescue and restructure, micro businesses, angel co-investment, commercial property, flexible investment, life sciences etc.	340
Development Bank for Wales - Housing funds for property development, stalled sites and self-build	94
Land for Housing scheme – Providing loans to Registered Social Landlords to acquire sites in order to accelerate the development of affordable housing schemes.	62
Economic Development Initiatives – Funding that supports economic growth in Wales	65
Property Development Funds and Property sector - Helps build new homes, commercial and industrial space.	20
Cardiff airport and Aviation – To increase commercial potential of aviation industry in Wales and enhance route development.	38
Houses into Homes/Home Improvement Loans – To bring empty homes in Wales back into use and increase the supply of housing.	30
Housing – To support delivery of 20,000 homes commitment	15
Green Growth Wales and Green Infrastructure – To support Wales’ renewable energy sector and to increase and accelerate projects to deliver green investment in Wales.	18
Town Centre Loans and Regeneration Funds – To assist in providing a sustainable future for vacant and under-utilised sites and properties and in doing so supporting vibrant and viable town centres.	32
Coleg y Cymoed - To support a new FE campus in Aberdare.	5
Barry Island Strategic Regeneration Area - link road. To accelerate delivery of a key transport route as part of our regeneration programme.	2
Capital Loan Scheme for Sport and Leisure Facilities – To improve facilities through and invest-to-save approach, increase participation in sport and physical activity and contribute to better health outcomes.	2
Credit Unions – Support loans	1

¹ Plans for 2020-21 are indicative. Figures are rounded to the nearest million, as reported by departments at July 2019 and 2018-19 subject to audit