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Dear First Minister,

I write after receiving a number of alarming answers to recent WAQs (73837-73841) I have submitted to Welsh Government Ministers.

The questions requested information on Welsh Government pilot programmes – specifically asking for the number commenced in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, and the number of those which were subsequently approved for wider roll-out.

Sadly, this information was not forthcoming and the answers form part of a pattern where the Welsh Government consistently tries to avoid scrutiny, once again placing significant question marks over the manner in which your Government interacts with Members in the National Assembly for Wales.

In response, every Minister and department stated that this information could only be provided at a disproportionate cost, which is particularly concerning as one would have thought the recording systems of such programmes would be very efficient and of relatively low-cost in the high-tech world of the 21st century.

The lack of respect provided in these answers to the National Assembly as a legislature is there for all to see and I would implore you and your Ministers to release this information as a matter of urgency. The Welsh public undoubtedly deserves greater transparency and accountability from its Government and I would urge you to lead from the front.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Mi wnaiff Janet Finch-Saunders cadw unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol yn gwbl gyfrinachol, ac fel arfer mi fydd rhaid iddi rannu'r wybodaeth 'efo aelodau o staff i'w galluogi nhw i ddelio 'efo'r awdurdodau perthnasol er mwyn eich helpu a'ch cynorthwyo chi. Efallai mi fydd angen i rywun ysgrifennu atoch er mwyn darparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf o bwys. Gadwch wybod i ni os nad oes diddordeb gennych mewn cael eich cysylltu at y diben hwn.