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Snowdonia Aerospace Grant Payments

I am writing in response to your request for information dated 18 August 2018 in which you requested information regarding Snowdonia Aerospace Grant Payments.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your question below and set out our corresponding response.

‘Are you able to expand on the statement that “the funds were provided for purposes which did not require job creation as conditions of funding” and also details of the amounts granted and the companies receiving the grants.’

We hold some information which matches this description and I have set this out below. This is from information received from the Welsh Government in December 2017 and may not, therefore, be the latest position.

During 2014/15 an offer of £593,475 was made to Llanbedr Airfield Estates for capital infrastructure improvements at Llanbedr Airfield in connection with the development of Wales UAV [Unmanned Aerial Vehicles] strategy. Grant conditions did not include any jobs but that they invested a total of £1,318,475 in infrastructure at the site. To date four claims have been made and paid. The final claim of £79,775 is due and currently outstanding.

During 2014/15 an offer of £118,600 to Qinetiq against revenue expenditure associated with establishing the IOC [Initial Operating Capability] was also made. Grant conditions did not include any jobs but that they invested a total of £237,200 in the revenue costs. The claim for £118,600 was paid in August 2015.

If you have any queries, or questions about my handling of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Information Officer