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Ann Jones AM
Chair
Equality of Opportunity Committee

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Dear Ann,

INQUIRY INTO MIGRANT WORKERS

When I attended the Committee on Equality of Opportunity for the Inquiry into Migrant Workers on Wednesday 4th June 2008, I agreed to write to you with information regarding the cost of subscribing to the UKNARIC database and whether UKNARIC statistics can be disaggregated to show usage from Wales.

UKNARIC offers a range of packages costing from £850 to £4500. They can also provide tailor made packages to meet the requirements of an organisation. In response to enquiries made by my officials, they have offered 3 options for consideration by Welsh Assembly Government. We will need to look carefully at these options with regard to their value for money, the ease with which they can be implemented and the potential benefits for Welsh Assembly Government and organisations in Wales. We will provide an update on this issue in due course.

The UK Government, via DIUS, have indicated that it should be possible to disaggregate UKNARIC statistics to give information about usage from Wales. UKNARIC have also indicated that they can provide information direct to Welsh Assembly Government on request. They can provide a list of current member organisations in Wales and they have statistics available for member enquiries received this year and given advance notice, they could go back further if necessary. It appears that it would be more difficult and time-consuming to obtain data for Wales based individuals as they are logged as UK.

Best wishes,

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