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I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like me to appear at any event or think that I should be involved in any community project, organisation or debate then please get in touch. I really would like to hear from you.

My details are above so please get in touch.

I want to congratulate our local MP Torsten Bell on his appointment as minister for Pensions in the UK Government. He has a wealth of experience in public policy which he will be able to bring to the role and I wish him all the best.

Over Christmas I was really happy to support everyone who was packing hampers at the Everyone Deserves a Christmas campaign. They packed and sent out over 1000 hampers to those most needy all over Swansea.

It was also great to meet the students at the Green Hwb in Gower College towards the end of December as well as speak at Trinity St. Davids Net Zero project and meeting with Jane Hutt, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice at Swansea Council for Voluntary Service.

The Draft Budget announced last month by the Welsh Labour Government was full of hope and growth for Wales.

The biggest settlement has been announced since devolution. After 14 difficult years with a Tory UK Government, it is so encouraging to see the practical difference that two Labour Government's working together can have for the people of Wales.

The Draft Budget will deliver an extra £1.5 billion for our public services and provide an enormous boost to health and social care. This will help to assist cuts to the longest waiting times in our NHS and the creation of more appointments. The Draft Budget is investing in children and young people, with more than £100 million dedicated to the education budget. £181.6 million will go to improving Welsh rail services.

The Draft Budget will be voted on in the Senedd in March 2025.

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Net Zero Project

Great to speak at the launch of the delivering net zero project. With Tai ar y Cyd, a collaboration of experts working towards standardised net zero housing, we are paving the way to sustainable, affordable homes which lower energy demands & heating costs to help residents within and all of Wales.



Green Hwb

I visited the absolutely fantastic Green Hwb at Gower College Swansea. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many engaged young people making a big difference to biodiversity, local food growing and access to nature as well as seeing how important the site is to local communities!



Schools Project

I welcomed my colleague & friend, Jane Hutt, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, to Swansea. We heard about the fantastic work of the Swansea Solution Focused Schools project, led by SCVS, who were successfully awarded £20k by Welsh Government to develop school poverty action plans



Christmas Campaign

Everyone Deserves a Christmas was a great success again this year. Over 1,000 Christmas hampers were delivered for those most in need in our local community. Hampers provide recipients with fresh food for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as gifts including selection boxes and treats, and other festive essentials.

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Help to Buy

More people in Wales will be supported to buy their own home with the Help to Buy Wales scheme. I know that for many different circumstances becoming a homeowner might seem like an overwhelming challenge, but this scheme could help you get there. Since it launched, the Help to Buy Wales scheme has enabled more than 14,000 people to become homeowners. Welsh Labour are committed to helping more people gain secure housing. The scheme will now be extended until September 2026. Anyone interested in the scheme can find out more [here](#).



Women's Health

I am thrilled that the Women's Health Plan for Wales has been published—a bold 10-year vision to improve health care for women and girls. This plan focuses on eight key areas, including endometriosis, menopause, violence against women and girls, and long-term conditions. [Read more here](#)



Single Use Vaping

In another positive step forward in environmental protection, the supply of single-use vapes in Wales will end on June 1st 2025. This will mean less waste is generated, less litter and plastic pollution on our streets and in landfills, and greater protection of our wildlife and nature.



Exhibition Launch

I was pleased to be able to sponsor Home: The Key to Hope, an art exhibit in the Senedd which will run until 13 February 2024. It was created by people with lived experience of homelessness who have been supported at the Crisis South Wales Skylight in Swansea. [Read More](#)