

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:07 AM

**Subject:** RE: Following on from the meeting with Chwarae Teg - MSPCW attending ESJ today

Morning [Welsh Government Official],

The story broke this morning: [Gender equality charity Chwarae Teg to close due to funding - BBC News](#)

[Journalist] approached our duty officer for the line which has been cleared by the MSJCW:

**"We are disappointed to hear of the closure of Chwarae Teg and would like to pay tribute to its work over many years. The charity has touched the lives of women across Wales, given them a voice and provided the Welsh Government with the insight and evidence necessary to make strides to deliver real change.**

**"Sadly, this is an example of how UK Government policies impact on organisations in Wales. As a direct result of Westminster's approach to the Shared Prosperity Fund, the entire allocation to Wales is £1.1 billion less compared to EU structural and rural funds, which has only been exacerbated by UK Government delays and chaotic implementation, putting local authorities under huge pressure and damaging key sectors of our economy."**

### **Notes**

- Entire Shared Prosperity Fund to Wales: £585m
- The Welsh Government and the Senedd is being bypassed on a plainly devolved matter, with universities, colleges, the third sector and businesses also shut out from directly accessing funding
- Chwarae Teg's successful EU-funded Agile Nation 2 project helped over 4,000 women and over 700 businesses, making a positive contribution to improving the position of women in the Welsh workforce
- Chwarae Teg are in discussions with Working Wales so that staff can access redundancy support packages from ReAct+

Many thanks,

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Thanks

Do you know when this will happen? I'm just conscious that the MEcon has OQs tomorrow afternoon and it may get raised if the closure is announced tomorrow.

Copying in [Welsh Government Officials] for info, as well as [Welsh Government Official] who leads on the EU funded project that Chwarae Teg delivered and knows more about the organisation's circumstances.

Thanks

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Thanks again all.

I've run this by the MSJCW's Spad for a view and he's content with the below which I'll circulate for Ministerial clearance shortly.