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Sent: 06 August 2026 12:41
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Cc: [REDACT] [REDACT] [REDACT]
Subject: Re: DSRC

Hi [REDACT]. Thank you.

[REDACT] - good to meet you. I'd be very happy to provide you with a verbal update on DSRC, if that would be useful. For now, I would refer you to the event website for all the details on our objectives, who is attending, the programme etc, here: [About | DSR Cymru](#)

Some topline:

Defence, Security & Resilience Cymru (DSRC) is now established as Wales's flagship industry platform to strengthen the nation's role within the UK defence, security and resilience sectors. Its core ambition is to connect major buyers, supply chain companies, SMEs, innovators, skills providers and government partners to create new business opportunities, stimulate innovation, build a more resilient industrial base, and support long-term economic growth and employment in Wales.

Current Status

- DSRC is a major, industry-led initiative delivered by Business in Focus [REDACT] in partnership with [REDACT] and the Welsh Government and in support of the Wales Defence and Security Cluster.
- **3-4 September 2026 at the International Convention Centre Wales, Newport**
- **Expecting 2,000 attendees, 60+ exhibitors**, and engagement around **billions of pounds of potential supply chain opportunities**, demonstrating strong ambition and significant sector interest.
- The programme is currently focused on bringing together buyers, suppliers, innovators and employers to build strategic partnerships and enhance sector resilience across Wales and the wider UK.

What DSRC is seeking to achieve

- Establish Wales as a recognised hub for defence, security and national resilience supply chains UK-wide and globally.
- Create stronger connections between prime contractors, SMEs, innovators and public sector partners to unlock new commercial opportunities.
- **Support the growth of high-value sectors that require advanced technical and workforce skills, helping to strengthen Wales's future talent pipeline.**
- Promote innovation, preparedness and resilience across defence and security industries, while showcasing Welsh capability to UK and international stakeholders.

- Encourage collaboration across industry, government and academia to maximise participation in major procurement and supply chain opportunities worth billions of pounds.

Welsh Government Status

The Welsh Government is a major sponsor of DSRC and will have a multi-departmental stand, incorporating among other things: business support, exports, trade, and (we hope) skills.

Meet The Employer: In terms of priorities for your department, I would draw your attention to the Meet the Employer set piece on Day 2 on 4 Sep. See programme here: [Programme | DSR Cymru](#)

This will involve a set-piece Panel Q&A at which we will be highlighting to delegates the growing skills and employment opportunities afforded in Wales across the Defence Security and Resilience sectors. We are currently populating a very impactful panel to speak on this subject. In our earlier discussions with WG, we suggested the participation of the [REDACT] in this panel or to provide the keynote on the subject.

This will be followed by a presentation and recruitment 'meet and greet' session involving many of our local colleges and universities and large employers such as BAE and GDLS and others who want to inspire our young people into exciting new employment outcomes.

The 'Meet the Employer' is being co-sponsored by CAVC, Cardiff Uni and USW.

Ministerial takeaway: DSRC represents an important opportunity to align Wales's skills agenda with growing opportunities in defence, security and resilience industries, helping ensure Welsh businesses and workers are equipped to compete for emerging high-value contracts and careers in strategically significant sectors. The Economy Minister is invited to take part in the Day 1 keynote. UK Government Ministerial attendance and participation is expected.

Actions to note:

1. That invitation to lead our Skills keynote on 4 Sep remains extended to the Minister. We are ready to work with you to make arrangements for this.
2. We look forward to the 'skills' element of the WG stand presence being confirmed
3. My colleagues [REDACT] [REDACT] [REDACT] are stood by ready to engage with you on the above
4. My colleagues [REDACT] [REDACT] are already working with WG on any associated Comms and are also stood by to support here too.

I hope that helps and very happy to pick up at your earliest convenience.

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From: [REDACT]

Sent: 06 August 2026 10:39

To: [REDACT] [REDACT] [REDACT] [REDACT] [REDACT]

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Morning [REDACT] / [REDACT]

Hope the plans for DSRC are going well? We have been sharing details the sponsorship of the DSRC with relevant colleagues across Economy and Skills to ensure a single representation of Welsh Government support at the event.

Can I introduce you to [REDACT] and [REDACT] from our Employability / Skills team? It would be useful for them to understand more about your ambitions for the event and ensure we have the right people engaged.

Would you be happy to make contact?

Many thanks

[REDACT]

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