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Economic Inactivity

1. The Economic Development and Transport Committee has chosen for its forthcoming policy review to look into the high level of economic inactivity in Wales. At the Committee's meeting on 22 October they discussed a paper prepared by the Welsh Assembly Government (*EDT2 05-03(P3) Raising levels of economic activity*), which sets out the background to the issues and discusses some of the underlying factors and policy considerations.

2. *The Terms of Reference for the Review will be:*

To consider:

- i. *the high levels of economic inactivity in Wales and the factors underlying them;*
- ii. *the policies to raise economic activity levels being pursued by the Welsh Assembly Government and other agencies;*

and to make recommendations for the development of policy in this area.

3. The Committee would welcome written submissions of evidence from interested parties in relation to these issues. When it has considered these the Committee may invite further oral evidence.

4. Should you wish to contribute, written submissions should be sent, bilingually if possible, by e-mail to Economic.com@Wales.gsi.gov.uk or in hard copy to:

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to arrive by Friday 5 March 2004.

5. As part of the National Assembly's commitment to openness, we will place copies of written responses in the National Assembly's libraries and will make them available to the public on request. Please indicate if you wish your response or any part of it, not to be made publicly available.

6. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone else you feel may have an interest.

7. If you need any further information please contact the Committee's Clerk John Grimes on 029 2089 8225 or its Deputy Clerk Sian Wilkins on 029 8029 8224.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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