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Nick Ramsay AM  
Chair – Public Accounts Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
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Dear Chair

During the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on 18 November 2019, I agreed to provide the Committee with additional information as set out below.

***The most recent Municipal Waste Statistical Bulletin to enable Members to note the most recent data on the amount of waste and recyclables collected***

The published recycling figures for the first quarter of 2019 (April-June) can be accessed via the following link. At 67%, the recycling rate is the highest quarterly municipal recycling ever reported in Wales.

<https://gov.wales/local-authority-municipal-waste-management-april-june-2019>

I also attach a link to the annual statistical recycling data for 2018-19.

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/statistics-and-research/2019-10/local-authority-municipal-waste-management-april-2018-march-2019-253.pdf>

***Details of the approach taken by Swansea Council in issuing notices to householders under Section 46 of The Environmental Protection Act 1990***

Details of Swansea Council's "Keep it out" scheme, including the leaflet used by the Council, can be accessed via the following link.

<https://www.swansea.gov.uk/keepitout>

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In case of interest, I also attach a link to an article about the scheme reported in The Guardian earlier this year.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/mar/10/rubbish-police-check-bin-bags-drive-up-recycling-rates-swansea-fines>

If my team or I can assist with anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With my best wishes for the festive season.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Slade', written over a faint horizontal line.

**Andrew Slade**  
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