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Dear Councillor Jones

**SERVICE IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCE SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL:
14TH JANUARY 2015**

I refer to your letter dated the 3rd February 2015.

After value claw-back is a condition of grant that applies to Welsh Development Agency funded land reclamation projects. Given the scale of industrial dereliction in Swansea and Wales, in particular during the 60's and 70's, many sites were reclaimed using WDA funds to stimulate development and economic activity. The requirement for claw-back is set out in the WDA Explanatory Memorandum for Land Reclamation Grants and normally applies on disposal of a previously reclaimed site. The amount of claw-back depends on the level of grant and capital receipt. The Council is contractually bound by this requirement for all sites that benefited from WDA land reclamation funding.

With regards to the Library visits, the service reports on LCL 001 which is total visits (this combines physical library visits and virtual visits to library web pages). This is what was reported at the Service Improvement and Finance Scrutiny Performance panel.

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Some things to note are:

- The mobile service ended in 14/15 as this was removed as part of the savings for 14-15. This obviously had an overall effect on visits
- Q2 13/14 Llansamlet had just re-opened following a refurbishment so had the expected "upsurge" of users coming in to take a look. As with other refurbishments the level of use reduces after the initial improvement.
- Morriston library reopened after a major refurbishment in Q2 14-15 which accounts for its high usage figures.
- Q2 14/15 CCOS virtual visits to the library web pages were low due to Corporate website changes and the library service had no one in post in relation to its web role due to the post being seconded to help with the overall corporate web development issues.

Yours sincerely



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