

Item 8 – Question Time

Response – to Mr Thomas Prag

In response to your question –

“As at the end of July, there have been 410 enquiries to Business Gateway with 60% of these relating to business start-up and 40% from existing businesses. 72 people have attended the 2 day business start-up courses and 31 have attended other business skills workshops such as financial record keeping and marketing.

In addition, the network of nine local business advisors help access a wide range of support, including Highland Opportunity Limited finance, Highlands & Islands Enterprise support, Social Enterprise support, LEADER and PSYBT, as well as developing partnership activity with, for example, Cairngorm National Park and the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service.”