

I have to admit to taking a back seat to work in the Assembly and the Constituency this month, following the birth of my daughter, Rachel on 5th April. Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for the many cards we have received. My staff keep me in touch on issues of concern and I continue to respond to all correspondence I receive from constituents.

I am pleased however to have launched my website this month, www.kirstywilliams.org.uk the site includes information about forthcoming advice surgeries and what I have been up to, as well as detailing some of the campaigns that I am involved in. I would encourage you to take the time to look at the new site, which I hope is more informative and user friendly than the old one, and then to let me know what they think of it!

I have also this month started arranging delivery of my Annual Report 2005/06 across the Constituency of Brecon and Radnorshire. I hope this will give an insight to constituents of some of the issues I have been campaigning on in the Constituency and in the Assembly from calling for more affordable housing to more moeny for community hospitals. As always I am reliant on members and supporters to help deliver to as much as the Constituency as possible, if you could help deliver a few in your area please let me know.



I did take the opportunity at the end of April to meet and speak with students from Newbridge-on-Wye Primary School on their visit to the Assembly and I also raised a statement of opinion. Statements of Opinion are similar in purpose to the Early Day Motions which are presented in the House of Commons. They are a mechanism for Members to draw attention to issues of concern or highlight achievements by putting their views on a subject on record and canvassing support from other Members.

I have raised the following Statement of Opinion:-

This Assembly believes that security of payment in the Welsh construction industry is essential in achieving the aim of a vibrant and profitable SME sector:

This Assembly calls on the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to amend the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, so that:

- there is a statutory mechanism for defining the amount to be paid at the date for payment
- all conditional payment provisions and cross contract set-off are outlawed
- progress payments start from commencement of contract
- the Act provides effective protection for firms in the supply chain from 'upstream' insolvencies

I have asked Written Questions to Ministers on:-

Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research
Enterprise Education in Schools
M4 Relief Road

