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South Wales Chamber of Commerce welcomes the fall in unemployment figures

David Russ, Managing Director of the South Wales Chamber, said: “The welcome fall in unemployment raises hopes that next week’s GDP figures will confirm that the recession is over. But, the labour market figures also show that there was a fall in employment, and more significantly, the level of economically inactive people has increased.

“As part of our National Recovery Plan for Wales we have recommended to include Social Clauses in procurement contracts to encourage long term economically inactive people back into work, that will also encourage training, community engagement and education. Wales also has a low population of skilled and qualified workers. We must continue to develop the training and skills strategy for an improved workforce of all ages in Wales which will ultimately allow more local people back into work.”

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Notes for editors

South Wales Chamber of Commerce is the ultimate business network in South Wales and now incorporates the West Wales Chamber of Commerce -it represents over 1000 businesses and 100,000 employees.

The chamber exists to provide a regional voice and offer support to businesses pan South Wales.

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