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SWCC and CBI Wales to jointly host a pre election question time

Business leaders are invited to quiz MPs about their plans for government ahead of the General Election in a Question Time style lunch on 16 April at UWIC's Llandaff Campus in Cardiff.

Hosted by South Wales Chamber of Commerce and CBI Wales, the event is designed to give businesses the opportunity to engage with politicians directly and influence their thinking of the future of the Welsh economy.

The panel will comprise Wayne David MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State; Jenny Willott MP, the first ever Liberal Democrat MP for Cardiff Central; Jonathan Evans, Welsh Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Cardiff North and Dafydd Tristan Davies, Plaid Cymru Parliamentary Candidate for Cynon Valley.

The question and answer session will be chaired by Scott Waddington, CEO of Brains and Chair of CBI Wales.

Graham Morgan, Director of the South Wales Chamber, said: "Traditionally this event used to be in conjunction with the former West Wales Chamber of Commerce. As we have now merged it is a great opportunity for the South Wales

Chamber of Commerce to be involved and offer this type of event to our members within the Welsh business community.

“We are always encouraging the private and public sectors to form a cohesive bond, as outlined in our National Recovery Plan for Wales. Therefore, offering the opportunity for members of the private sector to pose questions to members of the public sector is a great opportunity not to be missed.”

CBI Wales Director David Rosser said: ‘The forthcoming general election is of major importance to the Welsh business community. Any new government, of whatever colour, will face major economic challenges and difficult decisions. The UK economy has suffered a savage recession and the situation remains uncertain. I urge business people across South Wales to participate in our forthcoming Question Time event and discuss the political parties’ plans for government. ‘

Wayne David MP said: “As the general election approaches, it is important to have your voice heard. I would encourage anyone with an interest in the future of their business and the Welsh economy to come along to the ‘CBI Business Question Time’ event to hear directly from political parties and to discuss their plans for government.”

To book a place for this event please visit www.southwaleschamber.co.uk or call Rachel Nowell on 01633 242749.

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Notes for editors

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce is the ultimate business network in South Wales and now incorporates the West Wales Chamber of Commerce. The

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

Since merging with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce now represents over 1000 businesses and 100,000 employees.

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