

## News story: Unemployment rate in Wales fall below the UK average

Alun Cairns has welcomed the latest job figures which show that unemployment rates in Wales have dropped in the last quarter and are now below the rest of the UK.

It is great to see the unemployment rate in Wales fall below the UK average. The UK Government is working hard to create the right conditions for economic growth, investment and jobs in Wales and this month's statistics demonstrate the strength of the Welsh economy.

There is, however, more that needs to be done to increase the rate of employment. I'm convinced that increasing exports to new markets will not only grow the Welsh economy but will create jobs across Wales. I'm doing everything I can to help companies in Wales maximise their exporting potential.