

# **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 21 Tachwedd 2012**

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 21 November 2012**

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***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth  
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science***

**Nick Ramsay (Mynwy):** Sawl cais y mae Cronfa Fuddsoddi Busnesau Bach a Chanolig Cymru wedi'i gael hyd yn hyn. (WAQ61598)

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** How many applications has the Wales SME Investment Fund received to date. (WAQ61598)

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**The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart):** The Wales SME Investment Fund has received 35 applications to date.

**Nick Ramsay (Mynwy):** Hyd yn hyn, sawl busnes bach a chanolig sydd wedi elwa o'r Gronfa Fuddsoddi Busnesau Bach a Chanolig ac a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dadansoddiad o faint y mae pob busnes bach a chanolig wedi'i dderbyn. (WAQ61599)

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** How many SME's, to date, have benefitted from the SME Investment Fund and will the Minister provide a breakdown of how much each SME has received. (WAQ61599)

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**Edwina Hart:** To date, the Wales SME Fund has invested in 4 businesses and the amounts invested are : £200,000, £150,000, £375,000 and £750,000.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatgan pryd y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn cyhoeddi'r amserlen ar gyfer cyflwyno Band Eang y Genhedlaeth Nesaf yng Nghanolbarth Cymru, ynghyd â rhestr o'r codau post na fyddant yn elwa o'r prosiect hwn. (WAQ61616)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister indicate when the Welsh Government is going to publish the timetable for Next Generation Broadband roll out in Mid Wales, along with the list of post codes that are not going to benefit from this project. (WAQ61616)

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatgan pryd y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn cyhoeddi ei rhestr o atebion amgen ar gyfer yr ardaloedd hynny na fyddant yn elwa o'r prosiect Band Eang y Genhedlaeth Nesaf. (WAQ61617)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister indicate when the Welsh Government is going to announce her list of alternative solutions for those areas that are not going to benefit from the Next Generation Broadband project. (WAQ61617)

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Pa gymalau cosb yr oedd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi mynnu arnynt os bydd BT, y contractwr a ffefrir ar gyfer y prosiect Band Eang y Genhedlaeth Nesaf, yn methu â sicrhau mynediad teg a chyfartal at gyflymder band eang cynt i 96 y cant o anheddau Cymru erbyn 2015. (WAQ61618)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** What penalty clauses did the Welsh Government insist upon if BT, the preferred contractor for the Next Generation Broadband project, fails to deliver a fair and equal access to faster broadband speeds to 96 per cent of dwellings in Wales by 2015. (WAQ61618)

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Yng nghyswllt eich Datganiad Ysgrifenedig a wnaed ar 12 Gorffennaf 2012 ynghylch y prosiect Band Eang y Genhedlaeth Nesaf, pa gymalau cosb yr oedd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi mynnu arnynt os bydd BT yn cael gwared ag unrhyw un o'r 320 o swyddi sy'n bodoli ar hyn o bryd a/neu yn methu â chreu 50 o swyddi crefftus newydd, 100 o brentisiaethau newydd neu'n methu â darparu profiad gwaith i 900 o Gymry ifanc. (WAQ61619)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** In relation to your Written Statement of 12 July 2012 regarding the Next Generation Broadband project, what penalty clauses did the Welsh Government insist upon if BT gets rid of any of the 320 existing jobs and/or fails to create 50 new skilled jobs, 100 new apprenticeships or provide 900 young Welsh people work experience. (WAQ61619)

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Yng nghyswllt eich Datganiad Ysgrifenedig a wnaed ar 12 Gorffennaf 2012 ynghylch y prosiect Band Eang y Genhedlaeth Nesaf, a wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi ar y cam hwn, ble yng Nghymru y bydd y cyfleoedd swyddi newydd hyn ar gael. (WAQ61620)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** In relation to your Written Statement of 12 July 2012 regarding the Next Generation Broadband project, will the Minister indicate at this stage, where in Wales these new job opportunities will occur. (WAQ61620)

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Yng nghyswllt eich Datganiad Ysgrifenedig a wnaed ar 12 Gorffennaf 2012 ynghylch y prosiect Band Eang y Genhedlaeth Nesaf, pa gymalau cosb yr oedd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi mynnu arnynt os na fydd BT yn defnyddio Gwasanaeth Datblygu Cyflenwyr Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ61621)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** In relation to your Written Statement of 12 July 2012 regarding the Next Generation Broadband project, what penalty clauses did Welsh Government insist upon if BT does not use the Welsh Government's Supplier Development Service. (WAQ61621)

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Yng nghyswllt y prosiect Band Eang y Genhedlaeth nesaf, pa offerynnau monitro a gwerthuso y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu defnyddio i ganfod faint o fusnesau lleol sydd wedi dod yn fusnesau byd-eang a faint o dwf a buddsoddiad pellach sydd wedi cael ei ysgogi oherwydd mynediad mynediad ati fand eang cyflym. (WAQ61622)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** In relation to the Next Generation Broadband project, what monitoring and evaluation instruments is the Welsh Government going to use to establish the number of local businesses that have become global businesses and how much further growth and investment the access to fast broadband has stimulated. (WAQ61622)

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Yng nghyswllt y prosiect Band Eang y Genhedlaeth Nesaf, sut y bydd y Gweinidog yn cyfrifo nifer a lleoliad y swyddi amser llawn a fydd yn cael eu creu gyda mynediad ati fand eang cyflym a rhwng pa ddyddiadau y bydd y cyfnod a werthusir. (WAQ61623)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** In relation to the Next Generation Broadband project, how is the Minister going to establish the number and location of full time jobs created with access to fast broadband and between which dates will the evaluated period take place. (WAQ61623)

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**Edwina Hart:** I will publish more details concerning the roll out plans once we have secured all State Aid and Major projects approvals. The Next Generation Broadband for Wales contract is robust and commercially confidential. BT has made strong commitments to employment and training opportunities as set out in my statement to Assembly members on 19 July.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau***  
***To ask the Minister for Education and Skills***

**Nick Ramsay (Mynwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion faint o'r 4,000 o gyfleoedd swyddi a grëwyd gan Twf Swyddi Cymru sydd wedi arwain at swyddi parhaol neu leoedd prentisiaeth hyd yn hyn. (WAQ61597)

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister detail how many of the 4,000 job opportunities created by Jobs Growth Wales have so far resulted in permanent positions or apprenticeship places. (WAQ61597)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Tachwedd 2012***  
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**The Deputy Minister for Skills (Jeff Cuthbert):** The numbers of young people exiting the Jobs Growth Wales programme are very small at this point. However, early destination data from our management information looks promising. Of the first fifty young people completing the programme 70% have secured employment including 22% taking up an apprenticeship opportunity. A further 2% have gone into further education.

We will publish comprehensive progression data on Jobs Growth Wales in the New Year.

**Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro):** Ar gyfer pob un o'r pum blwyddyn ysgol lawn ddiwethaf, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau sawl diwrnod ysgol a gollwyd yn ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd Cymru oherwydd amodau tywydd difrifol; ac a wnaiff rannu'r ffigurau hyn fesul awdurdod lleol. (WAQ61602)

**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister confirm – for each of the last five full school years – the number of school days lost in Welsh primary and secondary schools as a consequence of severe weather conditions; and will he split these figures per local authority. (WAQ61602)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 22 Tachwedd 2012***  
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**The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews):** Data on school closures due to extreme weather conditions is not routinely collected by the Welsh Government. Two ad-hoc, non-statutory surveys of local authorities data have been collected for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 academic years for schools in Wales which were fully closed due to snow.

The most complete information we have was provided in 2010/11 when 99% of schools responded (including partial school closures which are not in the table below). In 2009/10 only 82% of schools responded therefore this information should be treated with caution when compared with 2010/11. The full statistical release, which contains the average number of days lost per school and would be more appropriate to use, is available at

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/schools2011/110405/?lang=en>

Although most local authorities provided information for all their schools, the weather may have been more extreme in some local authorities than others and this would have had a direct bearing on the number of school closures. It is also important to note that the main responsibility for closing a school due to adverse weather lies with the headteacher and not with the local authority.

Local authority	Number of school days lost	
	2009/10	2010/11
Isle of Anglesey	37	121
Gwynedd	39	193
Conwy	..	56
Denbighshire	235	32
Flintshire	283	13
Wrexham	205	10
Powys	416	261
Ceredigion	356	137
Pembrokeshire	152	15
Carmarthenshire	..	220
Swansea	240	101
Neath Port Talbot	178	81
Bridgend	226	44
The Vale of Glamorgan	210	8
Rhondda Cynon Taff	938	129
Merthyr Tydfil	186	31
Caerphilly	407	91
Blaenau Gwent	237	51
Torfaen	130	26
Monmouthshire	148	10
Newport	245	27
Cardiff	474	132
Wales	5,339	1,786
.. Not applicable as no schools responded to the survey		

Local authority	Number of schools responding to survey	
	2009/10	2010/11
Isle of Anglesey	43	53
Gwynedd	16	114
Conwy	0	36
Denbighshire	63	26
Flintshire	88	10
Wrexham	69	7
Powys	115	109
Ceredigion	70	62
Pembrokeshire	60	17

Carmarthenshire	0	120
Swansea	102	101
Neath Port Talbot	78	81
Bridgend	64	46
The Vale of Glamorgan	57	11
Rhondda Cynon Taff	139	129
Merthyr Tydfil	30	29
Caerphilly	78	83
Blaenau Gwent	35	30
Torfaen	30	20
Monmouthshire	39	10
Newport	57	30
Cardiff	129	126
Wales	1,362	1,250

***Gofyn i Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy***  
***To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development***

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Gan gyfeirio at y papur gwyn sydd ar y gweill ar gynllunio, pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cynnal yng nghyswllt eiddo hunanadeiladu ac a yw'n rhagweld cynnwys mesurau i symleiddio'r broses ceisiadau cynllunio yn y maes hwn. (WAQ61605)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to the forthcoming white paper on planning, what discussions has the Minister held in relation to self-build properties and does he envisage the inclusion of measures to streamline the planning application process in this area. (WAQ61605)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Tachwedd 2012***  
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**The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths):** I have not held any discussions with representatives from the self build community on the content of the Planning White Paper or Bill. The self build community will benefit from our current and proposed planning reforms that are intended to streamline the development management system for all applicants. Self build is also supported by national planning policy as a legitimate way to meet housing need.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa fformiwla y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei defnyddio i gyfrifo'r targedau tai a roddir i awdurdodau cyngor lleol wrth iddynt ddrafftio eu Cynlluniau Datblygu Lleol. (WAQ61609)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What formula is used by the Welsh Government to calculate the housing targets applied to local council authorities in the drafting of their Local Development Plans. (WAQ61609)

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**John Griffiths:** The Welsh Government does not set specific formulaic housing targets for each local planning authority.

The Welsh Government's Knowledge and Analytical Services is responsible for preparing and publishing projections for population and households, the latest unitary authority projections being 2008 based. These are informed by technical advice groups which include experts from local authorities. All local planning authorities have access to the base data and methodology and can therefore undertake further modelling to take reflect local circumstances, which many have done.

The projections are trend based, extrapolating birth, death and migration rates as well as assumptions on household formation rates. They forecast what may happen in the future if past trends continued. They do not take into account policy choices, which is why the latest projections form the starting point for local planning authorities when preparing a local development plan. Planning Policy Wales enables authorities to deviate from the projections, provided this is justified by robust and credible evidence. This is a matter for local planning authorities to determine.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Faint o Gynlluniau Datblygu Lleol yng Nghymru sydd wedi cael eu gohirio ar ôl y camau datblygu ac ymgynghori ac sydd wedi dychwelyd i ddechrau'r broses, gan restru'r cynghorau a'r dyddiadau ar gyfer pob un o'r pedair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ61610)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many Local Development Plans in Wales have been suspended after the development and consultation stages and returned to the start of the process, listing councils and dates for each of the last 4 financial years. (WAQ61610)

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**John Griffiths:** Of the twenty five local planning authorities across Wales only two Local Development Plans (LDPs) have had to return to the start of the process, Cardiff County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council.  
Wrexham County Borough Council resolved to withdraw their plan on 23rd February 2012 and Cardiff County Council resolved to withdraw their plan on 25th March 2010.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Pa gynigion amgen a gyflwynodd y diwydiant ynni adnewyddadwy i Lywodraeth Cymru yng nghyswllt Prosiect Cysylltiad Canolbarth Cymru. (WAQ61624)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** What alternative proposals were presented to the Welsh Government by the renewables industry regarding the Mid Wales Connection Project. (WAQ61624)

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**John Griffiths:** The Welsh Government was presented with one alternative proposal regarding the Mid Wales connection project, in the form of a report from Renewable UK Cymru.  
This report considered a range of possible options to connect around 1200MW of onshore wind energy capacity in Strategic Search Areas B, C, and D, following the announcement of proposals from National Grid and Scottish Power.

Options considered in the report included underground cabling, at a range of voltages, and low visual impact overhead lines.

**Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty**  
**To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House**

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r safonau gofynnol newydd ar gyfer rheoli grantiau a ddatblygwyd gan y Ganolfan Ragoriaeth Grantiau. (WAQ61608)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister outline the new minimum standards for grants management developed by the Grants Centre of Excellence. (WAQ61608)

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**The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt):** The Grants Centre of Excellence minimum standards were introduced in 2012. They set out the approach for the management of grants across the Welsh Government. The standards are based on good practice and accommodate the relevant policy and legal requirements that grant teams must adhere to in developing and delivering grant programmes.

The purpose of minimum standards is to help ensure that a consistent and high quality approach is applied across all departments in the way that grants are allocated, managed, monitored and evaluated. They also ensure that a minimum level of governance and compliance is in place to ensure the achievement of good value for money.

The minimum standards include both overarching and grant programme specific requirements.. The standards set out the basic requirements in respect of each of the components of the grants life-cycle. These comprise of:-

- Developing and Planning a Grant Funding Programme
- Application Mechanism
- Appraisal mechanism
- Approval mechanism
- Award Documentation
- Monitoring and Payment Arrangements
- Evaluation Arrangements, and
- Grant Funding Programme Reviews

The minimum standards are included in the comprehensive grants management guidance that has been produced and are also reflected and emphasised in the training modules that have been developed for grants staff.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Gan gyfeirio at WAQ61429, faint o arian sydd wedi'i gyllidebu ar gyfer cyfathrebu a hyrwyddo gwaith Gweinidogol, gan roi dadansoddiad ar gyfer pob un o'r tair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ61611)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ61429, how much money is budgeted for communications and promotion of Ministerial work, giving a breakdown for each of the last 3 financial years. (WAQ61611)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 23 Tachwedd 2012*  
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**Jane Hutt:** No money is allocated for the promotion of Ministerial work.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol*



**To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services**

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r ffigurau ar gyfer nifer yr achosion y comisynwyd triniaeth IVF y tu allan i Gymru ar gyfer cleifion o Fwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Caerdydd a'r Fro, gan roi'r gost flynyddol a chyfanswm nifer yr achosion ar gyfer pob un o'r pum mlynedd ariannol diwethaf, gan gynnwys y ffigurau diweddaraf ar gyfer y flwyddyn hon hyd yn hyn. (WAQ61603)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide figures for the number of cases where IVF treatment has been commissioned outside of Wales for patients from the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, giving an annual cost and total number of cases for each of the last 5 financial years, including the most recent figures for this year to date. (WAQ61603)

**Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 22 Tachwedd 2012**  
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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths):** Patients requiring IVF treatment from the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board area are normally referred to and treated by the IVF Wales service in Cardiff. Therefore there are very few numbers of patients that are referred outside of Wales from the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board since April 2010 and prior to that by Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust.

	Number of Referral	Total Cost
2007/8	0	0
2008/9	0	0
2009/10	0	0
2010/11	2	£9,000
2011/12	0	0
2012/13 (to date)	150	£550,000*

\* *expected approximate cost of completion of all the 150 cycles prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013*

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Gan gyfeirio at WAQ61434, faint o arian a dalwyd i ymgynghorwyr y GIG i wneud gwaith ychwanegol/goramser, y tu hwnt i oriau eu contract, ar ran GIG Cymru mewn ysbytai neu glinigau preifat. (WAQ61612)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ 61434, how much money has been paid to NHS consultants to undertake overtime/additional work, beyond their contracted hours, on behalf of the Welsh NHS within private hospitals or clinics. (WAQ61612)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** This information is not held centrally.

**Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth**

***To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage***

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Gan gyfeirio at WAQ61429, faint o arian sydd wedi'i gyllidebu ar gyfer cyfathrebu a hyrwyddo gwaith Gweinidogol, gan roi dadansoddiad ar gyfer pob un o'r tair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ61604)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ61429, how much money is budgeted for communications and promotion of Ministerial work, giving a breakdown for each of the last 3 financial years. (WAQ61604)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Tachwedd 2012***  
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**The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis):** No money is allocated for the promotion of Ministerial work.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cymryd, os o gwbl, i annog unigolion yng Nghymru i adeiladu eu heiddo eu hunain, os o gwbl. (WAQ61606)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What actions, if any, is the Welsh Government taking to encourage individuals in Wales to build their own properties. (WAQ61606)

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**The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis):** The self build community will benefit from our current and proposed planning reforms that are intended to streamline the development management system for all applicants. Self build is also supported by national planning policy as a legitimate way to meet housing need and it is therefore recognised as a legitimate delivery vehicle for housing.

National planning policy encourages local planning authorities to take a flexible approach to the delivery of affordable housing in smaller rural communities, using a broad range of delivery options, including housing provided directly by the intended occupier. Authorities must ensure that such properties are affordable to the local community as a whole, not only the initial occupier.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau***  
***To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities***

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa drefniadau cyllido y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u gwneud i gefnogi'r achos busnes dros drydaneiddio'r rheilffordd yng Ngogledd Cymru. (WAQ61600)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What funding arrangements has the Welsh Government made to support the business case for rail electrification in North Wales. (WAQ61600)

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**The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant):** Responsibility for funding investment in the rail infrastructure in England and Wales is currently with the Secretary of State for Transport. However, I have had discussions with the Secretary of State on the importance of electrifying the railway in North Wales.

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** A yw'r Gweinidog wedi dyrannu adnoddau i gyllido'r achos busnes dros waith seilwaith i brif ffyrdd yng Ngogledd Cymru neu fel arall a yw wedi gofyn i Lywodraeth y DU neu gorff arall am y cyllid hwnnw. (WAQ61601)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Has the Minister allocated resources to finance the business case for infrastructure work to major roads in North Wales or alternatively applied to the UK Government or another body for that funding. (WAQ61601)

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**Carl Sargeant:** The programme for infrastructure work to major roads in North Wales is outlined in the National Transport Plan. Each road infrastructure intervention will be progressed based on a detailed business case. Resources are provided for the development of schemes, including the preparation of a business case, within the capital budget allocation for transport.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Gan gyfeirio at WAQ61429, faint o arian sydd wedi'i gyllidebu ar gyfer cyfathrebu a hyrwyddo gwaith Gweinidogol, gan roi dadansoddiad ar gyfer pob un o'r tair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ61607)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ61429, how much money is budgeted for communications and promotion of Ministerial work, giving a breakdown for each of the last 3 financial years. (WAQ61607)

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**Carl Sargeant:** No money is allocated for the promotion of Ministerial work.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Yn dilyn ymateb y Gweinidog i WAQ60805, a wnaiff y Gweinidog (a) egluro pam y gohiriwyd y cyhoeddiad ynghylch Contractwr Ffordd Osgoi'r Drenwydd tan ddechrau 2013; a (b) nodi dyddiad penodol yn 2013 pan wneir y cyhoeddiad hwn. (WAQ61613)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Further to the Minister's response to WAQ60805, will the Minister (a) explain why the announcement of the Newtown Bypass Contractor has been delayed to early 2013; and (b) identify a specific date in 2013 when this announcement will be made. (WAQ61613)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Tachwedd 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 20 November 2012*

**Carl Sargeant:** Whilst the announcement of the Newtown bypass contractor will be in early 2013 due to the procurement process taking slightly longer than expected, construction is still programmed to start late 2014/early 2015 subject to the satisfactory completion of the statutory process and availability of finance. The completion of the procurement process and announcement of the Newtown Bypass Contractor is programmed for February/March 2013.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu amserlen gynhwysfawr ar gyfer prosiect Ffordd Osgoi'r Drenwydd, a fydd yn cynnwys dadansoddiad clir o holl gyfnodau'r prosiect. (WAQ61614)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister provide a comprehensive timetable of the Newtown Bypass project, with a clear breakdown of all the project phases. (WAQ61614)

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**Carl Sargeant:** Once the contractor is appointed, the development of the preliminary design will commence to enable an Environmental Statement and draft Orders to be published in accordance with the requirements of the Highways Act 1980 and Acquisition of Land Act 1981. This stage is currently programmed to take approximately 14 to 15 months.

Depending on the nature of objections and comments received to the published draft Orders a Public Local Inquiry may be held. This process is expected to take from spring through to the autumn/winter of 2014.

Assuming a Public Local Inquiry is required and the Minister decides to make the Orders, construction is programmed to commence at the end of 2014/early 2015.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu amserlen o'r broses prynu tir ar gyfer Ffordd Osgoi'r Drenewydd. (WAQ61615)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister provide a timetable of the land purchase process for the Newtown Bypass. (WAQ61615)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Tachwedd 2012*  
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**Carl Sargeant:** The statutory land purchase and compensation process commences once entry has been made onto the land required for the scheme. This would follow the successful completion of the statutory process including making the Compulsory Purchase Orders and serving Notices to Treat and Enter on landowners and any party with an interest in land affected by the scheme.

Once entry has been taken claimants are entitled to apply for an advance payment of 90% of their estimated compensation.

The legal transfer of land will take place when the works have been completed and the total compensation has been agreed between the Welsh Government and claimants' valuation representatives.