

**Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 10 May 2001 for answer on  
24 May 2001**

**R Signifies the Member has declared an interest.**

**W Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.**

**(Self-identifying Question no. shown in brackets)**

To the Assembly Minister for Communities

**1. John Griffiths (Newport East);** To make a statement on the latest position regarding asylum-seekers in Wales. (OAQ11674)

**2. Janet Davies (South Wales West);** Will she make a statement on guidance issues to Local Authorities regarding the provision of information to tenants affected by housing stock transfer. (OAQ11575)

**3. Peter Black (South Wales West);** What action is she taking to attempt to ensure local Councils will produce a homelessness strategy. (OAQ11612) **R**

**4. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen);** Will the Minister make a statement on the work of the Crime Reduction Partnerships in tackling drug abuse and drug related crime in Wales. (OAQ11652)

**5. David Melding (South Wales Central);** If she will make a statement on the use of hypothecation in the allocation of local authority revenues. (OAQ11598)

**6. Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon);** Has any assessment been made on the need for an ombudsman for housing in Wales. (OAQ11562) **WITHDRAWN**

**7. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** How her policies are promoting social inclusion in South Wales Central. (OAQ11611)

**8. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** Will the Minister make a statement on her policy of introducing a local business rate tax. (OAQ11654)

**9. David Melding (South Wales Central);** If she will make a statement on disabled facilities grants and any pending changes to Assembly guidance in this area. (OAQ11599)

- 10. Christine Gwyther (Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire);** Will she make a statement on the proposal that local authorities should be able to charge a tourist tax. (OAQ11605) **WITHDRAWN**
- 11. Gareth Jones (Conwy);** Has the Minister any plans to discuss with the UK Government to amend building regulations to assist the development of sustainability in new and improved residential dwellings. (OAQ11649)
- 12. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);** Does she intend to include in regulations any stipulation on the allocation of Council scrutiny committee chairs to members of opposition groups. (OAQ11656)
- 13. Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn);** Will she report on discussions and other communications she has had with the Home Office and Secretary of State regarding asylum seekers in Wales. (OAQ11558)
- 14. Janet Ryder (North Wales);** Will she make a statement on the guidance issued to local authorities in relation to their role in administering the Communities First Scheme. (OAQ11576)
- 15. William Graham (South Wales East);** Will she make a statement concerning standards of conduct and County Borough Councils. (OAQ11675)
- 16. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** Will she outline the administration's policies regarding housing stock transfer. (OAQ11606)
- 17. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);** Will she make a statement on the provision for asylum seekers in Wales. (OAQ11553)
- 18. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Will her officials be issuing further guidance to local authorities dealing with compensation claims, including reductions in business rates, from businesses hit by the Foot & Mouth outbreak. (OAQ11613)
- 19. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);** Are there any plans to review the guidance issued to Local Authorities for allocating council owned houses. (OAQ11567) **WITHDRAWN**
- 20. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** Will the Minister make a statement on housing policy in respect of private sector builders. (OAQ11660)
- 21. Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli);** Will she make a statement on current arrangements for supporting asylum seekers in Wales. (OAQ11559)

- 22. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** Will she outline the outcome of the consultation on regulations to stipulate that meetings of Council Cabinets in Wales should be held in public. (OAQ11650)
- 23. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** If she will outline her plans to help regenerate those communities in Wales who rely heavily on agriculture and tourism, and who have been badly hit by the Foot & Mouth outbreak. (OAQ11610)
- 24. Val Feld (Swansea East);** Will the Minister make a statement on the Assembly's progress on "Communities First". (OAQ11676)
- 25. Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli);** Will she make a statement on support for asylum seekers currently detained in Cardiff prison. (OAQ11560)
- 26. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);** When does she envisage that legislation will be brought forward on moving the date of the next local government elections in Wales. (OAQ11653)
- 27. Brian Hancock (Islwyn);** Will she make a statement on the timetable for implementation of Community First programmes. (OAQ11564) **WITHDRAWN**
- 28. Janet Ryder (North Wales);** Will she make a statement on the role Internal Audit has to play in Local Government. (OAQ11555) **WITHDRAWN**
- 29. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley);** If she would make a progress report on the modernisation of local government in Wales. (OAQ11655)**WITHDRAWN**
- 30. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** Will the Minister make a statement on recent increases in Council taxes in South Wales Central. (OAQ11569) W

To the Assembly Minister for Environment

- 1. Janet Davies (South Wales West);** Is the Minister considering allowing the Welsh language to be incorporated as a consideration into land use allocations in the UDPs where this would be appropriate. (OAQ11663)
- 2. Brian Hancock (Islwyn);** What measures will she take to improve the transport network. (OAQ11644)

- 3. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** Will the Minister make a statement on her policy toward the incineration of domestic and non domestic waste. (OAQ11670)
- 4. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen and East Dinefwr);** Does she intend to streamline the planning process for off-shore windfarms. (OAQ11634)
- 5. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** Will she report on recent changes to the transport infrastructure in Cardiff. (OAQ11641)
- 6. Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire);** Can she make a statement on restrictions and safety on Welsh roads. (OAQ11607)
- 7. Geraint Davies (Rhondda);** What steps will she take to limit the percentage of waste going into landfills. (OAQ11658) **WITHDRAWN**
- 8. Christine Gwyther (Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire);** Can she give a progress report on transport investment in Wales. (OAQ11589) **WITHDRAWN**
- 9. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen & East Dinefwr);** Will the revised TAN 8 (Technical Advice Note) streamline the planning process for off-shore windfarms. (OAQ11633)
- 10. Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli);** What support can planning policies in Wales offer to the development of renewable energy. (OAQ11626)
- 11. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);** What capital grants have been introduced for offshore wind development in Welsh waters. (OAQ11677)
- 12. John Griffiths (Newport East);** What steps will be taken to further develop composting in Wales as part of our Waste Strategy. (OAQ11661)
- 13. Peter Law (Blaenau Gwent);** What action is she taking to encourage the development of the rail network in Wales. (OAQ11596)
- 14. Gwenda Thomas (Neath);** What plans do you have to extend the Pelenna River Project to other rivers in Wales. (OAQ11590)
- 15. David Melding (South Wales Central);** How many pedestrians were killed on Welsh roads last year and to date, for which figures are available. (OAQ11657)
- 16. Janet Ryder (North Wales);** If she will make a statement on the environmental impact of foot and mouth disease. (OAQ11646) **WITHDRAWN**

- 17. Gwenda Thomas (Neath);** What benefits will the installation of traffic lights at junction 45 of the M4 motorway have on the Upper Swansea and Amman Valleys, in terms of increased investment. (OAQ11591)
- 18. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales West);** Does she intend to issue revised guidance to the Environment Agency for monitoring radio-active discharges. (OAQ11630) **WITHDRAWN**
- 19. Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);** When did she last discuss the Pearl Bordered Fritillary butterfly with the Chairman of the CCW. (OAQ11640)
- 20. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);** Has the Minister had any talks with the Countryside Council for Wales regarding the impact of GM crops on biodiversity. (OAQ11669)
- 21. Peter Black (South Wales West);** What measures is she considering introducing to reduce the proportion of waste in Wales that is disposed of via landfill. (OAQ11594)
- 22. Pauline Jarman (South Wales Central);** What steps will she be taking to increase the proportion of household waste being recycled. (OAQ11622) **WITHDRAWN**
- 23. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Will an assessment be carried out in relation to possible long term environmental side-effects of the Foot and Mouth outbreak. (OAQ11643)
- 24. Janet Davies (South Wales West);** Is the Minister considering making "affordable housing" a criteria for land use allocation in Unitary Development plans. (OAQ11637)  
**WITHDRAWN**
- 25. David Melding (South Wales Central);** If she will make a statement on the designation of 20 mph speed zones in urban areas. (OAQ11597)
- 26. Pauline Jarman (South Wales Central);** What steps will she be taking to minimise waste. (OAQ11623) **WITHDRAWN**
- 27. Gareth Jones (Conwy);** Does she intend to introduce Health Impact Statements for all non-residential developments. (OAQ11615) **WITHDRAWN**
- 28. William Graham (South Wales East);** Will the Minister give details of discussions she has with the Countryside Council for Wales, NFU Cymru and the Wales Tourist Board concerning the access to the countryside and its use for agriculture and tourism. (OAQ11668)
- 29. Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli);** What steps can she take to ensure that support for

renewable energy developments is built into the planning system. (OAQ11627) **WITHDRAWN**

**30. Delyth Evans (Mid and West Wales);** Has the Minister any plans to review the planning appeal process in the National Assembly, to enable a speedier process. (OAQ11609)