

Written Assembly Questions for answer on 13 March 2002

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W - Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the Assembly Minister for Health and Social Services

Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon); Is the Minister content that there is an adequate provision of assistants trained to deal with sick children, available in Welsh hospitals. (WAQ164) **W**

Alun Cairns (South Wales West); What range of waiting times do patients in need of drug rehabilitation face under the various schemes available. (WAQ16469)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West); Would the Minister make a statement on whether drug rehabilitation patients will be able to gain immediate treatment on the various schemes available. (WAQ16470)

Peter Rogers (North Wales); Will she provide an update on fees paid to independent care home providers for the elderly. (WAQ16597) **WITHDRAWN**

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); When does the Government of Wales intend publishing a National Strategy for Arthritis. (WAQ16606)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); What investment in rheumatology services does the Minister anticipate if the National Institute of Clinical Excellence recommends an expansion of Anti-TNF. (WAQ16607)

David Melding (South Wales Central); In relation to public appointments made within the Health and Social Services portfolio, what is the policy regarding:

- i) Monitoring the number of Welsh speakers appointed to public bodies; and
- ii) Designating a board member to be responsible for ensuring that the relevant public body provides services via the medium of Welsh. (WAQ16609)

To ask the Assembly Minister for the Environment

Peter Rogers (North Wales); How many ultra-high frequency television masts are there in Wales. (WAQ16598) **R**

David Melding (South Wales Central); In relation to public appointments made within the Environment portfolio, what is the policy regarding:

- i) Monitoring the number of Welsh speakers appointed to public bodies; and
- ii) Designating a board member to be responsible for ensuring that the relevant public body provides services via the medium of Welsh. (WAQ16610)

To ask the Assembly Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

Peter Rogers (North Wales); Will she make a statement on support for dyslexic children in schools. (WAQ16599) **WITHDRAWN**

David Melding (South Wales Central); In relation to public appointments made within the Education and Lifelong Learning portfolio, what is the policy regarding:

- i) Monitoring the number of Welsh speakers appointed to public bodies; and
- ii) Designating a board member to be responsible for ensuring that the relevant public body provides services via the medium of Welsh. (WAQ16611)

To ask the Assembly Minister for Rural Affairs

Peter Rogers (North Wales); With regard to the agency agreement with MAFF during the foot and mouth crisis under section 41 of the Government of Wales Act 1998, will the Minister make a statement on the level of political advice and guidance he provided to officials when they were representing the Assembly's view to London but acting as agents of MAFF. (WAQ16600)

Peter Rogers (North Wales); Further to his reply to WAQ16239 concerning the preventative cull on Anglesey, what was his officials' involvement, acting as agents of MAFF, in the design of the cull. (WAQ16596)

David Melding (South Wales Central); In relation to public appointments made within the Rural Affairs portfolio, what is the policy regarding:

- i) Monitoring the number of Welsh speakers appointed to public bodies; and
- ii) Designating a board member to be responsible for ensuring that the relevant public body provides services via the medium of Welsh. (WAQ16612)

To ask the Assembly Minister for Finance, Local Government and Communities

David Davies (Monmouth); What percentage of the Welsh block grant has been spent on

education in each year since the advent of the Welsh Assembly. (WAQ16602)

David Davies (Monmouth); What percentage of the Welsh block grant has been spent on the Health Service since the advent of the Welsh Assembly. (WAQ16601)

David Davies (Monmouth); What inspections does the Assembly carry out on Local Authorities and what is the cost breakdown. (WAQ16608)

David Melding (South Wales Central); In relation to public appointments made within the Finance, Local Government and Communities portfolio, what is the policy regarding:

- i) Monitoring the number of Welsh speakers appointed to public bodies; and
- ii) Designating a board member to be responsible for ensuring that the relevant public body provides services via the medium of Welsh. (WAQ16613)

To ask the Assembly Minister for Culture, Sport and the Welsh Language

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); Will the Minister confirm whether the payment of £150,000 to the Swansea based chamber orchestra will become part of the Arts Council's budget or whether it will remain directly funded from the Assembly. (WAQ16603)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); Could the Minister make a statement on whether the support for a Swansea based chamber orchestra is part of her Cultural Strategy. (WAQ16604)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); Could the Minister make a statement on whether the recently announced £150,000 for the Swansea based chamber orchestra will support the work of other orchestras in Wales. (WAQ16605)

David Melding (South Wales Central); In relation to public appointments made within the Culture, Sport and Welsh Language portfolio, what is the policy regarding:

- i) Monitoring the number of Welsh speakers appointed to public bodies; and
- ii) Designating a board member to be responsible for ensuring that the relevant public body provides services via the medium of Welsh. (WAQ16614)

To ask the Assembly Minister for Economic Development

David Melding (South Wales Central); In relation to public appointments made within the Economic Development portfolio, what is the policy regarding:

- i) Monitoring the number of Welsh speakers appointed to public bodies; and
- ii) Designating a board member to be responsible for ensuring that the relevant public body provides services via the medium of Welsh. (WAQ16615)