

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 17 February 2011**

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***To ask the Minister for Business and Budget***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Minister's department spent on Welsh language training/lessons for Welsh civil service staff, giving an annual figure for each of the last four years. (WAQ57154) ***Transferred for answer by the Permanent Secretary***

***Answer issued on 5 April 2011***

**The Permanent Secretary (Dame Gill Morgan):** The majority of spending on Welsh language training is done through the centrally funded contract with Acen. The expenditure relating to this contract was provided to you in answer to WAQ57050. On occasion, when it is not possible to provide Welsh language training through the central contract, alternative arrangements can be made at division level. In such cases the costs are booked to divisional training budgets. The diversity across WAG of such locally arranged training is such that it is not cost effective to capture in corporate systems the detail of every item of training arranged at this level. We can not therefore identify completely the expenditure on Welsh language training from overall departmental training & development figures without manual analysis of all the invoices booked to training in our records, which would incur disproportionate cost.

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***To ask the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Minister's department spent on Welsh language training/lessons for Welsh civil service staff, giving an annual figure for each of the last four years. (WAQ57155) ***Transferred for answer by the Permanent Secretary***

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***To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Further to the Minister's answer to WAQ56910, will he detail how much of the £9.2 million spent on 'land assembly in delivery of the Defence Technical College and the Aerospace Business Park (ABP)' relates to the ABP. (WAQ57147)

***Answer issued on 05 April 2011***

In respect of WAQ57147, £5.9 million is related to land acquisition in respect of the Aerospace Business Park development. The balance of the figure comprises fees, compensation to land owners and land required for joint infrastructure for the entire site.

In terms of WAQ57150, professional fees (land agent and surveying) totalled £336,000 and legal costs totalled £781,000.

Both sets of figures above cover the period 2003 until 31 October 2010.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many DARA jobs are currently engaged at RAF St Athan, giving figures as of the 31st January 2011. (WAQ57148)

***Answer issued on 06 April 2011***

The Defence Support Group (formerly DARA) is the responsibility of the UK Government and in particular the Secretary of State for Defence. It employed 196 people on site at 31 January 2011.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to the Minister's answer to WAQ56910, and in particular the acquisition of land and assets, how many acres of land have been purchased. (WAQ57149)

***Answer issued on 06 April 2011***

The Assembly Government's land and property holding (freehold and leasehold interest) at St Athan as at 31 December 2010 totals approximately 1200 acres.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to the Minister's answer to WAQ56910, will he detail how much of £17,248,399 spent on the acquisition of land for the whole site is made up of legal costs and surveyors fees. (WAQ57150)

*Answer issued on 05 April 2011*

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**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister explain how achieving best value for money was incorporated within the tendering process, with reference to awarding the contract for resurfacing the runway at RAF St Athan. (WAQ57151)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the tendering process undertaken by the Welsh Assembly Government in relation to the resurfacing of the runway at RAF St Athan. (WAQ57152)

*Answer issued on 06 April 2011*

The airfield at St Athan is managed on our behalf by the Ministry of Defence under an Airfield Management Agreement signed in 2003. The airfield operates under military administration subject to inspection and certification by MoD.

The contract of works for the reconstruction of the runway at St Athan was awarded by the MoD under the Defence Estates Regional Prime Contracting Programme. Further requests for details of the contract should be referred to the Ministry of Defence.

As owner of the airfield and responsible for its upkeep and safety, the Assembly Government funded the cost of the runway reconstruction works. Appropriate mechanisms, including risk management and joint working, were put in place to ensure that Defence Estates properly evaluated the technical, commercial and pricing aspects of the project. For example, any pricing received from the Prime Contractor was evaluated and value for money checked before being forwarded to us for approval and payment.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of all professional fees incurred in the design and consultation process for the airport relief road. (WAQ57162)

*Answer issued on 06 April 2011*

The total cost of work relating to the "Cardiff International Airport and Culverhouse Cross Access Improvements Study" including all survey work, exhibitions, consultations, design and development and environmental issues is £1.9m. This total includes costs of studies for improving public transport access to Cardiff International Airport.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Minister's department spent on Welsh language training/lessons for Welsh civil service staff, giving an annual figure for each of the last four years. (WAQ57156) *Transferred for answer by the Permanent Secretary*

*Answer issued on 05 April 2011*

**The Permanent Secretary (Dame Gill Morgan):** The majority of spending on Welsh language training is done through the centrally funded contract with Acen. The expenditure relating to this contract was provided to you in answer to WAQ57050. On occasion, when it is not possible to provide Welsh language training through the central contract, alternative arrangements can be made at division level. In such cases the costs are booked to divisional training budgets. The diversity across WAG of such locally arranged training is such that it is not cost effective to capture in corporate systems the detail of every item of training arranged at this level. We can not therefore identify completely the expenditure on Welsh language training from overall departmental training & development figures without manual analysis of all the invoices booked to training in our records, which would incur disproportionate cost. Exceptionally, management information in certain departments has called for the information requested to be identified, but I must stress that the financial processes of the organisation do not require officials to maintain financial records of such detail with regards to different types of training & development.

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***To ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Minister's department spent on Welsh language training/lessons for Welsh civil service staff, giving an annual figure for each of the last four years. (WAQ57157 *Transferred for answer by the Permanent Secretary*)

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

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Could the Minister make a statement on the prevalence of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome in Wales, outlining what assistance is being made available to families who suffer bereavement in this way. (WAQ57163)

***Answer issued on 16 February 2011***

We do not hold details of the prevalence of this condition.

The term sudden adult death syndrome is generally accepted to refer to either refer to sudden unexpected nocturnal death syndrome or sudden cardiac death. The recently updated Cardiac Disease National Service Framework for Wales emphasises the importance of offering the relatives of young cardiac arrest victims assessment and high quality evidence-based treatment and support, if found to be at risk of sudden cardiac death.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Minister's department spent on Welsh language training/lessons for Welsh civil service staff, giving an annual figure for each of the last four years. (WAQ57158) ***Transferred for answer by the Permanent Secretary***

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***To ask the Minister for Heritage***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Minister's department spent on Welsh language training/lessons for Welsh civil service staff, giving an annual figure for each of the last four years. (WAQ57159) ***Transferred for answer by the Permanent Secretary***

***Answer issued on 05 April 2011***

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***To ask the Minister for Rural Affairs***

**Brian Gibbons (Aberavon):** Will the Minister make a statement on why the workplace GVA for “Agriculture, hunting and forestry” in Wales has declined from £532 in 2000 to £145 in 2008 in contrast to an increase in England. (WAQ57146)

***Answer issued on 22 February 2011***

Data from the ONS shows that there was a decline in Gross Value Added (GVA) between 2000 and 2008 in the agricultural sector but GVA in the hunting and forestry sectors increased. This response therefore centres on changes to GVA from agriculture during the period.

There are two principle reasons for the decline in agricultural GVA in Wales between 2000 and 2008.

The first reason relates to CAP reform and the way that different subsidy payments are treated in the National Accounts. In 2005, the Single Payment Scheme (SPS) was introduced, replacing subsidy schemes that were directly linked to agricultural production levels (for example, Suckler Cow Premium, Sheep Annual Premium etc.). National Accounting principles means that payments under the 'coupled' schemes were included in the calculation of GVA in 2000 to 2004, however, the SPS is not included in the calculation of GVA in 2005 to 2008. For this reason, the ONS data shows a large step change (downwards) in GVA from agriculture across all regions between 2004 and 2005. The value of direct subsidy payments in Wales in 2000 was approximately £200 million.

The second reason – and the explanation for why GVA declined in Wales but increased in England – relates to the structure of the agricultural industry in Wales and changes in market prices. Over 70% of agricultural output in Wales is generated by the dairy, beef and sheep sectors, this means that GVA in Wales is relatively exposed to fluctuations in the market prices for those commodities. Beef and lamb prices were relatively low in 2006-2007 and although they had started to increase by 2008, the low returns coupled with rising input costs resulted in a fall in agricultural GVA in Wales.

In contrast, the agricultural industry in England is relatively diverse and the increase in agricultural GVA in 2007 and 2008 can largely be attributed to the significant increases in global cereal prices. Given the small size of the cereal sector in Wales, the impact of these prices increases was minimal.

**Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister detail how much it is costing the Welsh Assembly Government to monitor the fishing industry in Cardigan Bay. (WAQ57153)

*Answer issued on 22 February 2011*

The Welsh Assembly Government undertakes its statutory responsibilities for fisheries management and enforcement through a risk-based approach to enforcement that is applied around the whole of the Welsh coastline and adjacent waters. This approach is informed by a range of monitoring and enforcement data that directs the enforcement activity undertaken through sea, aerial and remote monitoring surveillance and shore based measures.

Enforcement is therefore a complex activity and as it is managed across the whole of Wales, it is not possible to separate out individual costs for Cardigan Bay, or any other part of the coast. The budget for this activity across Wales is approximately £1.2m, which comprises 22 enforcement staff (shore based and at sea), 2 fisheries patrol vessels and the mobile equipment necessary to undertake statutory enforcement.

In addition, the Royal Navy undertakes sea patrols through a joint management approach with the Marine Management Organisation who are responsible for this activity in England.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Minister's department spent on Welsh language training/lessons for Welsh civil service staff, giving an annual figure for each of the last four years. (WAQ57160 *Transferred for answer by the Permanent Secretary*)

*Answer issued on 05 April 2011*

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**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to the recent Glastir application period, will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown (as a %) of the most common prescriptions chosen by farmers on their application forms. (WAQ57164)

*Answer issued on 22 February 2011*

The table below details the 10 most common options (prescriptions) selected by Glastir All-Wales Element applicants

Glastir All - Wales Element Option Description	Percentage (%) of Glastir Applicants
New bird / bat boxes	<b>72.1</b>
Grazed permanent pasture with low inputs	<b>60.6</b>
Maintenance of existing haymeadow	<b>30.3</b>
Double fence gappy hedges	<b>29.5</b>
Unsprayed rootcrops on improved land	<b>28.3</b>
Management of lowland marshy grassland	<b>27.7</b>
Maintain existing fence around woodland	<b>20.7</b>
Commit to slurry injection	<b>18.1</b>
UK native breeds at risk	<b>17.1</b>
Plant individual native trees on improved land	<b>15.4</b>

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many vets are employed by the animal health service in Wales, and how many of these received their training in Wales. (WAQ57165)

*Answer issued on 16 February 2011*

In February 2011 there are 41 veterinary surgeons employed by Animal Health in Wales. Animal Health is the executive agency of DEFRA that has responsibility for delivering animal health and welfare policies across GB.

In answer to the second part of the question there are no veterinary schools in Wales and so none of these veterinary surgeons received their undergraduate veterinary training here.

***To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government***

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