

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 17 Mai 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 17 May 2013

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[W] *yn nodi bod y cwestiwn wedi'i gyflwyno yn Gymraeg/signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.*

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Gofyn i Weinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth
To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pryd y bydd y Gweinidog yn rhoi cadarnhad ysgrifenedig i Gyngor Caerfyrddin ynghylch cyllid ar gyfer gwella'r ffordd y tu allan i Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Pentip? (WAQ64709)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): When will the Minister issue written confirmation to Carmarthen Council regarding funding for road improvements outside Pentip Church in Wales School? (WAQ64709)

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The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): Carmarthenshire County Council were allocated funding for a zebra crossing and signage on Pembrey Road in Llanelli. Confirmation of this was sent to the Regional Transport Consortia (SWITCH) on 15 April and accepted on 18 April 2013.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Beth yw disgwyliadau Llywodraeth Cymru o dan yr Agenda Cydweithredu Rhanbarthol o ran Awdurdodau Lleol yn chwilio y tu hwnt i ffiniau eu siroedd am denantiaid llety â chymorth sydd ag anawsterau dysgu/anghenion cymhleth? (WAQ64710)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What is the Welsh Government's expectation under the Regional Collaboration Agenda for Local Authorities to look beyond their county borders for supported living accommodation tenants with learning difficulties/complex needs? (WAQ64710)

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The Deputy Minister for Social Services (Gwenda Thomas): I set out my vision for social services in 'Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action' and this made it clear that doing everything 22 times is no longer an option. I expect to see local authorities planning and commissioning services, particularly those specialist services that require high cost placements, on a regional basis. An example of this is the North Wales Commissioning Hub – established in 2012 as a formal partnership between the six North Wales Local Authorities and Betsi Cadwaladr UHB, to commission a specific range of complex social care, education and health services for children and adult residential placements. In addition, our Learning Disability commissioning guidance encourages joint working and notes that the quality and cost effectiveness of services can be significantly improved when organisations work well together.

The establishment of the Regional Collaboration Fund complements very well the approach I want to see. The Minister for Local Government and Government Business has recently agreed over £6m funding for projects under the Fund. The overall aim of the Fund is to bring about real and significant change at a regional level, by acting as a catalyst and, if appropriate, removing barriers such as upfront costs for the implementation of collaboration projects. The bids which have been submitted to date have shown an ambition to improve services, strengthen their resilience and deliver savings across regional and organisational boundaries - projects include local government, health and the police. Alongside acting as a catalyst for innovative projects the Fund also aims to encourage a change of culture. Direct feedback

has indicated public service leaders, executives and officers alike have recognised the need to collaborate and are increasingly acting on this basis, actively seeking out opportunities to work together.

A number of bids have been submitted under the Fund that will provide support to vulnerable groups including those with learning disabilities/complex needs. The Minister for Local Government and Government Business is considering these bids and will make an announcement shortly.