

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

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 21 February 2012

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Answers are published in the language in which they are provided, with a translation into English of responses provided in Welsh.*

[R] *yn nodi bod yr Aelod wedi datgan buddiant/signifies that the Member has declared an interest.*

[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 Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pryd y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu cyhoeddi ei hymchwili i gyflog byw i bob gweithiwr yng Nghymru. (WAQ59755)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): When does the Welsh Government plan to publish its research into a living wage for every worker in Wales. (WAQ59755)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): The Welsh Government has commissioned research into the impact of a living wage on poverty levels and economic performance in Wales. This research is due to be published by spring 2012.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i gyflwyno cyflog byw yng Nghymru. (WAQ59756)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What plans does the Welsh Government have to introduce a living wage in Wales. (WAQ59756)

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The First Minister: As part of its emerging work on corporate social responsibility, the Welsh Government is considering how a living wage campaign can be effectively applied in Wales. The Welsh Government does not have the legal competence to set a mandatory minimum wage. However, the Living Wage Campaign is a voluntary campaign (supported by trade unions, employers, political parties and non government organisations) which seeks to encourage employers to voluntarily move towards paying the living wage over time.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa asesiad sydd wedi cael ei wneud o nifer y staff a gyflogir gan Lywodraeth Cymru sy'n ennill llai na £7.20 yr awr. (WAQ59757)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What assessment has been made of the number of staff employed by the Welsh Government who earn less than £7.20 an hour. (WAQ59757)

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The First Minister: Staffing in the Welsh Government is a matter for the Permanent Secretary and I have asked her to write to you.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
See Information Further to Written Assembly Questions

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y lefel staffio yng Nghyngor Cyllido Addysg Uwch Cymru. (WAQ59754)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on staffing levels at The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales. (WAQ59754)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): Matters relating to the staffing of the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales are an internal matter for the members and Chair of the Council.

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

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn y sylwadau a wnaeth ar 9 Chwefror 2012 yng nghyfarfod y Grwp Trawsbleidiol ar bobl hyn a heneiddio y bydd y cyllid ar gyfer y Fenter Tocynnau Teithio Rhatach ar Drafnidiaeth Gymunedol yn parhau ar ôl mis Mawrth 2012 tra bydd y cynlluniau unigol yn cael eu gwerthuso, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a fydd y gwasanaethau bws bro (Town Rider) yn parhau ar ôl mis Mawrth 2012, ac os felly, am ba mor hir y byddant yn parhau. (WAQ59753)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Further to his comments, made at the Cross-party Group on Older People and Ageing meeting on 9 February, that funding for the Community Transport Concessionary Fares Initiative will continue past March 2012 whilst an evaluation of individual schemes is conducted, will the Minister confirm whether the Town Rider services will continue beyond March 2012 and if so, for how long. (WAQ59753)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 23 Chwefror 2012
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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): I announced in Plenary on 8 February 2012, that funding for the 15 projects participating in the Community Transport Concessionary Fares Initiative, including the Town Rider services, will continue beyond March 2012.

This is to allow time for us to evaluate the benefits of each scheme and whether there are alternative funding sources available. Different avenues of funding are available for some of these schemes, particularly those that are suited to being registered as demand responsive services under section 22 permits.

My officials will be meeting each participating operator to take this work forward over the next few months. I will make a further announcement after I have considered the findings from this evaluation.