

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 3 Awst 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 3 August 2011

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at ei lythyr dyddiedig 21 Gorffennaf 2011, pryd y mae'r Prif Weinidog yn disgwyl cyflwyno ymateb terfynol Llywodraeth Cymru i adroddiad yr Asiantaeth Safonau Bwyd ar Orfodi Cyfraith Bwyd yng Nghymru i'r Athro Pennington. (WAQ57793)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to his letter dates 21st July 2011, when does the First Minister expect to present the Welsh Government's final response to the FSA's report on Food Law Enforcement in Wales to Professor Pennington. (WAQ57793)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): I set out my intentions for the handling of this report in my letter of 21 July. Arrangements are in hand for the Food Standards Agency to present their report to me. I then intend to seek the views of other interested parties including representatives of Directors of Public Protection Wales.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu manylion unrhyw gyfarfodydd a gafodd gyda swyddogion UEFA ar eu taith canfod ffeithiau y cyfeiriwyd ati yn WAQ57451. (WAQ57802)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the First Minister outline details of any meetings he had with UEFA officials on their "fact-finding" trip referred to in WAQ57451. (WAQ57802)

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The First Minister: I met with the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) delegation during their visit on 24 May, the Chief Executive of the Football Association of Wales was also in attendance. The meeting was an informal discussion, where I made a commitment on behalf of the Welsh Government to support efforts to bring the UEFA Champions League Final to the Millennium Stadium.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pa drafodaethau sydd wedi bod yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad ynghylch y posibilrwydd o chwarae gêm derfynol Cynghrair Pencampwyr UEFA yn Stadiwm y Mileniwm yn y dyfodol. (WAQ57803)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What discussions have taken place during the Fourth Assembly regarding the possibility of a future UEFA Champions League final being played at the Millennium Stadium. (WAQ57803)

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The First Minister: I refer you to my answer to WAQ57802.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pa dargedau sydd wedi cael eu gosod ar gyfer nifer y twristiaid a'u manteision economaidd cysylltiedig a ddaw i Gymru o ganlyniad i Gemau Olympaidd a Pharalympaidd 2012, a pha gyllid sydd wedi cael ei ddarparu i gyrraedd y targedau hyn. (WAQ57820)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What targets have been set for the number of tourists and their attached economic benefits entering Wales as a consequence of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and what funding has been made available to meet these targets. (WAQ57820)

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The First Minister: Although the major economic benefits of the games will accrue to London and the South East, Visit Wales' main 2012 UK advertising campaign will target UK residents in the usual way whilst reminding those who either have no interest in the games or are not inclined to visit London that Wales is "open for business" as usual.

Visit Wales will have staff based at a media centre in London throughout the period to capitalise on the presence of thousands of media representatives who will be looking for non games related stories.

Further media coverage will be generated by overseas teams who have chosen Wales as their pre games training location. These include full Paralympic teams from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Australia and South Africa will be based in Cardiff and Newport, and New Zealand in Swansea.

The National velodrome in Newport is fully booked and The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games has chosen Cardiff Universities Sports Complex in Llanrumney as the official Games Time training venue for several Olympic football matches taking place at the Millennium Stadium.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pa drafodaethau a fu rhwng swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru a Bwrdd Criced Cymru a Lloegr ynghylch y penderfyniad i symud y Gêm Brawf yn 2012 yn erbyn India'r Gorllewin o Stadiwm Swalec. (WAQ57821)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What discussions took place between Welsh Government officials and the England and Wales Cricket Board regarding the decision to move the 2012 Test Match against the West Indies away from the Swalec Stadium. (WAQ57821)

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The First Minister: No discussions have taken place between Welsh Government officials and the England and Wales Cricket Board regarding the decision to move the 2012 Test Match against the West Indies away from the Swalec Stadium.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Ers iddi ddechrau ar ei swydd ym mis Mai a yw'r Gweinidog wedi cyfarfod â Phrif Gynghorydd Gwyddonol Cymru ac, os felly, a wnaiff restru dyddiadau unrhyw gyfarfodydd o'r fath. (WAQ57779)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Has the Minister met with the Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales since taking office in May and if so will she list the dates of any such meetings. (WAQ57779)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): I refer you to my answer to WAQ 57541.

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Ar gyfartaledd, pa mor hir y mae'n ei gymryd i Lywodraeth Cymru asesu cais am gymorth cyllid dan Raglen Adnewyddu'r Economi. (WAQ57790)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): What is the average time that the Welsh Government takes to assess an application for funding support under the Economic Renewal Programme. (WAQ57790)

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Edwina Hart: The average time between receipt of application and decision (offer, approval or withdrawal) for low value projects (less than £20k) is on average 1 month and for higher value projects on average 3 to 4 months.

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Pryd gafodd yr adroddiad ar weithredu fersiwn 2008 o Gynllun Busnes Llywodraeth Cymru ei gyhoeddi gan Weinidogion Cymru. (WAQ57795)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): When did Welsh Ministers publish the report on the implementation of the 2008 version of the Welsh Government's Business Scheme. (WAQ57795)

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Edwina Hart: The review of the implementation of the Welsh Ministers' Business Scheme was laid before the Assembly on 31 March 2011. A copy of the review can be found at the following link: <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-third-assembly/bus-guide-docs-pub/bus-business-documents/bus-business-documents-doc-laid.htm?act=dis&id=214295&ds=3/2011>

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o'i bolisi i beidio â chanslo rhwymedigaethau ardrethi busnes wedi'u hól-ddyddio ar fusnesau mewn porthladdoedd yng Nghymru. (WAQ57799)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): What assessment has the Minister made of his policy not to cancel backdated business rates liability for businesses located in ports in Wales. (WAQ57799)

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Edwina Hart: I refer you to the Cabinet Statement of 6 December 2010 which relates to this issue.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): O ystyried ei bod yn debyg y bydd gwerth Ewro cyfartalog taliadau Colofn 1 Cymru fesul hectar yn debyg i'r hyn ydynt ar hyn o bryd, pa asesiad y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wneud o effaith modelau cyfradd safonol gwahanol y Taliad Sengl ar:

(a) Diwydiant Ilaeth Cymru

(b) Diwydiant defaid Cymru

- (c) Diwydiant buchod sugno Cymru
- (d) Diwydiannau â'r a garddwriaethol Cymru, ac
- (e) Economiâu rhanbarthau Cymru. (WAQ57816)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Given that the average Euro value of Welsh Pillar 1 payments per hectare are likely to be close to what they currently are, what assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of different flat rate Single Payment models on:

- (a) The Welsh dairy industry
- (b) The Welsh sheep industry
- (c) The Welsh suckler cow industry
- (d) The Welsh horticultural and arable industries, and
- (e) The economies of regions within Wales. (WAQ57816)

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): The future value of Single Payment Scheme (SPS) receipts 2014-2020 will be dependent on the outcome to the CAP reform process, informed by decisions on the EU budget for the same period. At this stage, it is a matter for speculation to suggest that the current € average hectare receipt under the Single Payment Scheme (SPS) in Wales is likely to remain the position for each of the years 2014-2020.

On CAP reform, the Commission has yet to publish the draft legislation that will provide the initial detail as the basis for future negotiation and debate at the EU level. The future average receipt per hectare will need to take into account, for example, the value on the Wales' SPS regional ceiling, what transitional arrangements might apply with a move to an area-based regime and how the "greening" proposition might operate.

The Welsh Government has undertaken some preliminary modelling, based on a range of assumptions. This work continues and where the assumptions will be refined in the light of more authoritative detail yet to be made available by the Commission. As this work progresses, the various scenarios covered will be shared with key farming and countryside interests.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau
To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gynlluniau penodol sydd gan y Gweinidog i gynyddu nifer yr ysgolion dwyieithog yng Nghymru. (WAQ57814)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What specific plans does the Minister have to increase the number of bilingual schools in Wales. (WAQ57814)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): The Welsh-medium Education Strategy is a long-term and comprehensive strategy designed to create an education and training system which has the capacity to respond to the growing demand for Welsh-medium or bilingual education. Proactive planning on the basis of improving access to Welsh-medium or bilingual provision is a guiding principle.

The Welsh Government expects local authorities, in which a choice of Welsh-medium or English-medium provision is offered, to plan effectively to provide statutory Welsh-medium education, on the basis of informed parental demand. Local authorities will be expected to submit Welsh in Education Strategic Plans to the Welsh Government for approval and monitoring in December 2011 for full operation from 1 April 2012.

The Welsh Government will monitor progress by means of a range of outcome measures based on numbers of learners, not on numbers of Welsh-medium and bilingual schools. Five-year and indicative ten-year targets have been set. For example, the first target is to increase the percentage of Year 2 learners (aged 7) assessed in Welsh (first language) from a baseline of 21% in 2009 to 25% in 2015. The 2010-11 Annual Report on the Strategy noted that 2009-10 data showed a slight increase to 21.8%.

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/guidance/welshmededstrat/?skip=1&lang=en>

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A oes gan y Gweinidog unrhyw gynlluniau i ddarparu prydau ysgol am ddim ar gyfer pob disgybl ysgol gynradd a/neu uwchradd yn ystod y tymor Cynulliad hwn. (WAQ57815)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Does the Minister have any plans to provide free school meals for all primary and/or secondary school pupils within this Assembly term. (WAQ57815)

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Leighton Andrews: I have no plans to extend free school meals to all pupils. The Welsh Government has pledged to do what we can to protect funding for schools and skills, and to protect front-line services which impact directly on children and the most vulnerable, despite the difficult settlement received from the UK Government.

My main priorities within this Assembly term are set out in our Manifesto "Standing up for Wales", and include the universal benefits of free school breakfasts and school milk for the under sevens. Within my budgets, I have sought to prioritise the funding on our children and young people, especially the most vulnerable. It is imperative that we continue to tackle the root causes of child poverty and inequalities. Addressing poor diet is an important aspect of this work. The free breakfast initiative and the school milk scheme are an integral part of the wider work we are doing to improve food and nutrition in schools in Wales, through Appetite for Life.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yng nghyswllt addewid maniffesto 2011 Llafur Cymru: 'Trwy raglen gyfalaf ysgolion ar gyfer yr 21ain Ganrif, byddwn yn sicrhau darpariaeth TGCh o'r radd flaenaf'; sut bydd y Gweinidog yn sicrhau darpariaeth TGCh o'r radd flaenaf drwy raglen gyfalaf ysgolion ar gyfer yr 21ain Ganrif o ystyried yr adolygiad diweddar o gyllido adeiladu ysgolion a'r gostyngiad yn y cyllid hwnnw. (WAQ57823)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Regarding the Welsh Labour 2011 manifesto pledge: 'Through the 21st Century schools capital programme, we will ensure state of the art ICT provision'; how will the Minister ensure state of the art ICT provision through the 21st Century

school programme given the recent review of, and reduction in funding directed towards school building. (WAQ57823)

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A yw'r Gweinidog a Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ymrwymo i'r addewid ym maniffesto 2011 Llafur Cymru: 'Trwy raglen gyfalaf ysgolion ar gyfer yr 21ain Ganrif, byddwn yn sicrhau darpariaeth TGCh o'r radd flaenaf.' (WAQ57826)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Are the Minister and the Welsh Government committed to the Welsh Labour 2011 manifesto pledge : 'Through the 21st Century schools capital programme, we will ensure state of the art ICT provision.' (WAQ57826)

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Leighton Andrews: Yes. This Government is and remains committed to delivering 21st Century Schools including ICT provision and best use of ICT for 21st Century schools.

We will continue to do so through the wider Government programmes for infrastructure such as the Public Sector Broadband Aggregation as well as part of the creation of improved learning environments under the continuing 21st century schools programme and the development of the building blocks of a learning platform for Wales. Effective use of ICT in delivering teaching and learning is a critical element of 21st Century learning and teaching and Local Authorities were asked to consider the use of ICT as part of their review of teaching and learning strategies within their Strategic Outline Plans so that capital developments would go hand in hand with raising standards.

We are currently developing a set of standards for 21st century schools which will cover minimum requirements to be met in all schools; these will relate to matters such as sustainable and low carbon design and the use of ICT

I expect the 21st Century Schools Programme to learn lessons from the pilot underway in Torfaen as well as the many other approaches which Local Authorities have taken forward in their own development of ICT provision and to do so within the underlying principles of the public sector ICT strategy. The effective use of procurement and collaboration to achieve the best value of existing and future investments is key.

Gofyn i Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy

To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Beth yw polisi a gweithdrefn Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer canfod TB buchol mewn defaid. (WAQ57780)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What is the Welsh Government's policy and procedure for discovering bovine TB in sheep. (WAQ57780)

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The Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): Incidents of bovine tuberculosis (TB) in sheep are very uncommon as they are recognised as being far less susceptible to TB infection than, for example, cattle. The Welsh Government has a policy for reporting of any suspicion of the disease to the relevant Animal Health Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) Regional Office. TB in sheep may be identified through the detection of lesions suspicious of TB during

routine meat inspection by the Food Standards Agency in licensed slaughterhouses or during post mortem examination undertaken at an AHVLA laboratory or by a private veterinary practitioner.

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): Pa ganran o wastraff gweddillol cartrefi sydd wedi cael ei gludo allan o Gymru i'w ailgylchu ac i ble caiff ei gludo. (WAQ57781)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): What percentage of residual household waste has been transported out of Wales for recycling and to where is it transported to. (WAQ57781)

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John Griffiths: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): Pa ganran o wastraff gweddillol cartrefi sydd wedi cael ei gludo allan o Gymru i'w waredu mewn safleoedd tirlenwi ac i ble cafodd ei gludo. (WAQ57782)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): What percentage of residual household waste has been transported out of Wales for disposal in landfill and to where has it been transported to. (WAQ57782)

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John Griffiths: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): Faint mae pob awdurdod lleol wedi'i wario ar glirio sbwriel sydd wedi'i dipio yn anghyfreithlon yn y pum mlynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ57783)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): How much has each local authority spent on clearing fly tipping in the last five financial years to date. (WAQ57783)

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): Sawl achos o dipio anghyfreithlon a gofnodwyd ym mhob awdurdod lleol yn y pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ57784)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): How many recorded instances of fly tipping were there in each local authority in the last five years to date. (WAQ57784)

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): Sawl erlyniad a fu am dipio anghyfreithlon ym mhob awdurdod lleol yn y pum mlynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ57785)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): How many prosecutions were there for fly tipping in each local authority in the last five financial years to date. (WAQ57785)

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John Griffiths: Information including incidences of fly-tipping on public land, associated clean up costs and number of prosecutions are recorded on a central database known as Flycapture which is managed by the Environment Agency.

This information broken down into individual local authorities can be accessed at the following link - <http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=6807>

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad, fesul rhywogaeth, o'r achosion o'r haint M.Bovis a gofnodwyd mewn mamaliaid heblaw gwartheg ac anifeiliaid anwes yng Nghymru ym mhob blwyddyn er 1997. (WAQ57810)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide a breakdown by species of recorded incidences of M.Bovis infection in non-bovine mammals and companion animals in Wales in each year since 1997. (WAQ57810)

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John Griffiths: Most of the data on the incidents of *M. bovis* infection in these species is derived from post mortem investigations undertaken by the Animal Health Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA). It is very important to recognise that these data are derived from cases where there were clear grounds to suspect *M. bovis* infection and are, therefore, subject to a very strong selection bias. Consequently, these data must not be used to infer estimates of the prevalence in the wider populations of the species represented.

Currently the best information on incidents of *M. bovis* infection in non-bovine mammals and companion animals in Wales comes from work commissioned with the AHVLA. This work is still ongoing and thus the data in the tables below must be considered provisional at this time. The dataset is limited to the period 2006 to 2010.

Data on the incidents of *M. bovis* infection in non-bovine domestic animals and wild deer for the period 1997 to 2011 are available in the public domain in the bovine TB section of the Defra website (www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/a-z/bovine-tb) but these data are only reported at the GB level.

Table 1: The number of submissions originating in Wales made to the VLA between 2006 and 2010, by non-bovine species type.

Animal Species	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total submissions
Camelid	0	13	12	1	22	48
Alpaca (farmed)	0	2	7	1	22	32
Llama (farmed)	0	11	5	0	0	16
Other farmed	10	24	98	2	15	149

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species						
Goat (farmed)	0	0	28	2	3	33
Sheep (farmed)	1	2	2	0	6	11
Pig (farmed)	9	2	4	0	6	21
Roe Deer (farmed)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Fallow Deer (farmed)	0	20	63	0	0	83
Wild/Feral	731	0	43	12	10	796
Goat (feral)	0	0	0	9	7	16
Fallow Deer (wild)	2	0	42	2	2	48
Sika Deer (wild)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Red Deer (wild)	0	0	0	1	0	1
Roe Deer (wild)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unknown Deer (wild)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Badger (wild)	728	0	0	0	0	728
Pet/captive	4	10	14	7	10	45
Cat (pet)	3	5	12	7	6	33
Dog (pet)	0	4	0	0	1	5
Other (pet/captive)	1	1	2	0	3	7
Total	745	47	167	22	57	1038

Table 2: Frequency distribution of *Mycobacterium* culture results for the submissions presented in Table 1.

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Animal Species	Total submissions	Negative (%)	N	<i>M.bovis</i> (%)	N	Other <i>Mycobacterium</i> spp. (%)	2 N (%)	Non cultured N
Camelid	48	27 (56.3)		16 (33.3)		5 (10.4)		0
Alpaca (farmed)	32	25(78.1)		3 (9.4)		4 (12.5)		0
Llama (farmed)	16	2 (12.5)		13 (81.3)		1 (6.3)		0
Other farmed species	149	107 (72.8)		32 (21.8)		8 (5.4)		2
Goat (farmed)	33	10 (30.3)		22 (66.7)		1 (3.0)		0
Sheep (farmed)	11	7 (63.6)		3 (27.3)		1 (9.1)		0
Pig (farmed)	21	11 (52.4)		4 (19.0)		6 (28.6)		0
Roe Deer (farmed)	1	1 (100.0)		0 (0.0)		0 (0)		0
Fallow Deer (farmed)	83	78 (96.3)		3 (3.7)		0 (0)		2
Wild/Feral	796	463 (87.5)		61 (11.5)		5 (0.9)		267
Goat (feral)	16	15 (93.8)		0 (0.0)		1 (6.3)		0
Fallow Deer (wild)	48	43 (89.6)		5 (10.4)		0 (0.0)		0
Sika Deer (wild)	1	0 (0.0)		0 (0.0)		1 (100.0)		0
Red Deer (wild)	1	0 (0.0)		0 (0.0)		1 (100.0)		0
Roe Deer (wild)	1	0 (0.0)		1 (100.0)		0 (0.0)		0
Unknown Deer (wild)	1	1 (100.0)		0 (0.0)		0 (0.0)		0
Badger (wild)	728	404 (87.6)		55 (11.9)		2 (0.4)		267
Pet/captive	45	21 (46.7)		15 (33.3)		9 (20.0)		0

Cat (pet)	33	15 (45.5)	10 (30.3)	8 (24.2)	0
Dog (pet)	5	3 (60.0)	1 (20.0)	1 (20.0)	0
Other (pet/captive)	7	3 (42.9)	4 (57.1)	0 (0.0)	0
Total	1038	618 (80)	124 (16)	27 (4)	269

1 Percentages represent the proportion of animals that were cultured within each animal species or species group.

2 Other mycobacterium species isolated include: *M. avium* (n=10); *M.gordonae* (n=1); *M.microti* (n=2) and unclassified spp. (n=6).

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i sicrhau na fydd cau theatrau llawdriniaethau yng ngogledd Cymru yn cael effaith negyddol ar ddarparu gwasanaeth i gleifion. (WAQ57787)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What action is the Minister taking to ensure that the closure of surgery theatres in North Wales does not negatively impact on service provisions for patients. (WAQ57787)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): I have approved nearly £10 million to redevelop the operating theatre department at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Work is well advanced and I have been assured by the Local Health Board they have appropriate measures in place to manage surgical activity during this period.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r amseroedd aros cyfartalog ar gyfer ambiwlansys yng ngogledd Cymru a rhoi manylion pa gamau sy'n cael eu cymryd i leihau'r amseroedd hyn. (WAQ57788)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister provide the average waiting times for ambulances in North Wales and detail what actions are being taken to reduce these times. (WAQ57788)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) has met the equity standard for 65% of ambulance responses within 8 minutes in the Betsi Cadwaladr Local Health Board (LHB) region, during every month on record since statistics began to be collected on the 8 minute response time standard in March 2006, with the exception of December 2010. During this month, the region narrowly missed the target by 0.2% despite the unprecedented weather, dangerous driving conditions and significantly increased demand.

The latest figures for June 2011 show that 72.7% of immediately life threatened patients received a response in 8 minutes in the North Wales region.

WAST is committed to sustaining this high level of performance and will work closely with the Welsh Government and LHBs to improve on them.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu datganiad am y rhesymau pam nad yw llawdriniaethau band gastrig yn cael eu cyllido yng Nghymru. (WAQ57789)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister provide a statement on the reasons for gastric band surgery not being funded in Wales. (WAQ57789)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Health Specialist Services Committee (WHSSC) funds either gastric banding or gastric by-pass where a patient meets specific clinical criteria, including having a BMI of more than 50 and serious co-morbidities. The criteria has been set to ensure only those patients with the greatest ability to benefit have access to surgery.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Faint o gleifion canser yng Nghymru sydd wedi gwneud cais am gyllid eithriadol hyd yn hyn eleni, ac o'r rheini sydd wedi gwneud cais, faint sydd wedi llwyddo gyda'u ceisiadau. (WAQ57794)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many Welsh cancer patients have applied for exceptional funding so far this year, and of those who have applied, how many have been successful in their application. (WAQ57794)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) has received 59 applications for cancer treatment, 34 were approved. However, it is not clear how many are applications for exceptional funding and how many were successful. WHSSC are looking into this and will report back in due course.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Ym mis Mai 2011 ac ym mis Mehefin 2011, pa ganran o gleifion yr amheuwyd eu bod wedi cael strôc neu y cadarnhawyd eu bod wedi cael strôc a gafodd eu derbyn i wely strôc aciwt arbennig ac wedi'i gyd-leoli, wedi'i staffio gan dîm amlddisgyblaethol arbenigol. (WAQ57796)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): In May 2011, and June 2011, what percentage of patients suspected, or confirmed as having had a stroke were admitted to a dedicated and co-located acute stroke bed, staffed by a specialist multi-disciplinary team. (WAQ57796)

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Lesley Griffiths : In May 2011, 81.5% of patients suspected, or confirmed as having had a stroke were admitted to a dedicated, co-located bed, staffed by a specialist multi-disciplinary team within 24 hours. In June, the figure rose to 87%.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog egluro pam roedd gwariant y GIG y pen yng Nghwm Taf (2009-10) yn £1,869.60, o'i gymharu â £1,780.40 y pen yn Betsi Cadwaladr. (WAQ57797)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister explain why NHS expenditure per head in Cwm Taf (2009-10) was £1,869.60, in comparison to £1,780.40 per head in Betsi Cadwaladr. (WAQ57797)

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Lesley Griffiths: Differences in NHS expenditure per head of population largely reflect the differential distribution of the NHS revenue allocations to Local Health Boards. These allocations are used to fund Hospital and Community Services, General Medical Services, Primary Care Prescribing, Community Pharmacy and General Dental Services.

The allocation formula used takes account of the size of the population in each area but also of other relevant factors that have an impact on health needs.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Beth yw'r meini prawf y mae angen eu diwallu i fwrdd iechyd lleol gael "cymorth strategol" gan Lywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ57800)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What are the criteria that need to be met for a Local Health Board to receive "strategic assistance" from the Welsh Government. (WAQ57800)

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A oes gan Lywodraeth Cymru unrhyw gynlluniau i ddarparu "cymorth strategol" i unrhyw fyrddau iechyd lleol eraill yn y flwyddyn ariannol hon. (WAQ57801)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Does the Welsh Government have any plans to provide "strategic assistance" to any other Local Health Boards in this financial year. (WAQ57801)

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Lesley Griffiths: Any request for strategic financial assistance from a Health Board is assessed by my officials to take into account:

1. The underlying need for support – in simple terms is the funding required to support the Health Board during a period of transition, or does the request indicate that the organisation has an underlying financial problem to address?
2. Period of support – does the Health Board have a clear plan which demonstrates that the requirement for support will be time limited?
3. The scale of the financial challenge – would it be reasonable to expect the Health Board to manage its requirement from within its existing budget; and what would be the impact of requiring it to do so?

In 2010-11 the Government provided strategic financial support to Powys and Hywel Dda Health Boards. My officials are currently reviewing Hywel Dda Health Board's proposals for the support it requires over the remaining period of its strategic programme, including this year.

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gynllun iawndal, os o gwbl, y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei ddarparu i ddioddefwyr asbestosis ac, os oes cynllun o'r fath yn bodoli, beth yw'r dyddiadau a'r meini prawf ar gyfer cymhwyso ar ei gyfer ac a fydd yn berthnasol i ddioddefwyr asbestosis sydd eisoes wedi marw. (WAQ57804)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What, if any, compensation scheme is the Welsh Government providing to asbestosis victims and, if a scheme exists, what are its qualifying dates and criteria and will it apply to asbestosis victims who have already died. (WAQ57804)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government does not provide a compensation scheme for asbestos victims. However, asbestosis is included in the list of diseases covered by the Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit Scheme, which applies across the UK. Those suffering from asbestos related diseases, or their dependents, may also be entitled to a one-off payment under the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers Compensation) Act 1979 or the Diffuse Mesothelioma scheme, which was introduced in 2008.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa ganllawiau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u rhoi i fyrddau iechyd lleol ynghylch cymarebau bydwaig-i-enedigaeth. (WAQ57813)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What guidance has the Welsh Government given to Local Health Boards regarding midwife-to-birth ratios. (WAQ57813)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government requires all NHS Maternity care service providers to meet the specifications of Birthrate Plus. This includes midwife-to-birth ratios dependent upon acuity.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu manylion yr holl drafodaethau a gynhaliwyd eleni rhwng Bwrdd Iechyd Hywel Dda a Llywodraeth Cymru ynghylch gwasanaethau histopatholeg. (WAQ57824)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide details of all discussions held this year between Hywel Dda Health Board and the Welsh Government with respect to histopathology services. (WAQ57824)

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Lesley Griffiths: There have been no discussions this year with Hywel Dda Health Board on histopathology services. However the Welsh Government's requirement for LHBs to work together to modernise pathology services, including histopathology, has been communicated by officials to all Health Boards including Hywel Dda.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth

To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gyfarfodydd, os o gwbl, a fu rhwng datblygwyr mawr a swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru i drafod dyraniadau tai a safleoedd cyn llunio cynlluniau datblygu lleol ac, os bu unrhyw gyfarfodydd o'r fath, beth oedd eu natur a'u diben. (WAQ57805) *Trosglwyddwyd i'w ateb gan Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy*

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What, if any, meetings took place between large developers and Welsh Government officers to discuss housing allocations and sites before local development plans were conceived and, if such meetings occurred, what was their nature and purpose. (WAQ57805) *Transferred for answer by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development*

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 15 Medi 2011
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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): As the Minister responsible for Planning, I can confirm that no meetings have taken place between large developers and my officials to discuss housing allocations and sites before local development plans were conceived.

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

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu nifer y Swyddfeydd Post a gafodd eu cau fesul blwyddyn, er 2000/2001. (WAQ57778)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister outline the number of Post Office closures by year, since 2000/2001. (WAQ57778)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 16 Awst 2011
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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): Post Office Ltd advise that the total number of closures in Wales, including outreach services, since the year 2000/01 is as follows:

Year	Number of open Post Offices in Wales	Closures
2000/01	1399	Base
2001/02	1373	26
2002/03	1355	18
2003/04	1282	73
2004/05	1199	83
2005/06	1167	32

2006/07	1146	21
2007/08	1116	30
2008/09	971	145
2009/10	963	8
2010/11	950	13
		449

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa gyngor neu ganllawiau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cyhoeddi i awdurdodau lleol ynghylch adneuo a buddsoddiadau mewn banciau Ewropeaidd. (WAQ57786)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What advice or guidance has the Minister issued to local authorities regarding deposits and investments in European banks. (WAQ57786)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: The *Guidance on Local Government Investments* issued under section 15(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2003 contains statutory guidance to which authorities must have regard. This was revised and reissued to all local authorities in April 2010. Local authorities are also required to have regard to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) publication *Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes* which includes guidance on investment practice.

Janet Finch Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am unrhyw asesiad y mae wedi'i wneud o'r gwelliannau economaidd-gymdeithasol yn Aberconwy yn sgil cyllid Cymunedau yn Gyntaf. (WAQ57791)

Janet Finch Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on any assessment he has made of the socio economic improvements in Aberconwy resulting from Communities First funding. (WAQ57791)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am drafodaethau y mae swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cynnal gyda'r Comisiwn Etholiadol ynghylch cardiau pleidleisio yn y dyfodol gan gynnwys llinell o destun dwyieithog sy'n cynnig gwybodaeth am ddewisiadau pleidleisio amgen, yn enwedig mewn ardaloedd lle nad yw'r gorsafoddedd pleidleisio yn hygyrch i nifer o bleidleiswyr anabl. (WAQ57792)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide an update on discussions Welsh Government officials have had with the Electoral Commission regarding future polling cards including a bilingual line of text offering information about alternative voting options, especially in areas where polling stations are inaccessible for many disabled voters. (WAQ57792)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: Welsh Government officials have not had any discussions with the Electoral Commission on this matter.

The UK Government is responsible for the National Assembly for Wales Representation of the People Order which governs the conduct of the Assembly elections which includes the information to be printed on poll cards. Any alteration to the text on poll cards should be discussed with the Wales Office, Electoral Commission and Returning Officers.

I support the proposal for electoral material to be fully accessible, and the Welsh Government's Elections Planning Group discusses such matters on a regular basis.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Faint o arian Llywodraeth Cymru a ddyrannwyd i Gomisiwn Ffiniau Llywodraeth Leol i Gymru i ymgymryd â'r adolygiad llywodraeth leol a gafodd ei ganslo ym mis Rhagfyr 2010. (WAQ57798)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How much Welsh Government money was allocated to the Local Government Boundary Commission to undertake the local government review that was cancelled in December 2010. (WAQ57798)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: The Local Government Boundary Commission's budget for 2011/12 is £516,000. This sum is intended to cover all the Commission's running costs whilst carrying out its statutory functions.

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa drafodaethau diweddar y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael gyda chynrychiolwyr o Faes Awyr Rhyngwladol Caerdydd, a pha gynlluniau sydd nawr ar waith i ddatblygu llwybrau hedfan newydd a chefnogi rhai sydd eisoes yn bodoli. (WAQ57806)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): What recent discussions has the Minister had with representatives from Cardiff International Airport, and what plans are now in place to develop new air routes, and support existing ones. (WAQ57806)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: The First Minister recently met with the Chief Executive Officer of Abertis Airports, who own Cardiff Airport, to highlight our serious concerns with the fall in services and passenger numbers.

Cardiff Airport acts as an international gateway to our capital city and to Wales as a whole and is strategically important to the Welsh economy, so we will do everything in our power to improve the situation.

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cynlluniau Canolfannau Teithio Cynaliadwy yng Nghaerdydd a Wrecsam. (WAQ57807)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the Sustainable Travel Centre schemes in Cardiff and Wrexham. (WAQ57807)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: The Sustainable Travel Centre initiative in Cardiff is in its third year and it is progressing well. We have delivered a number of different infrastructure schemes and service improvements aimed at more sustainable modes of travel. We are also funding a programme of Personalised Travel Planning in the city to encourage modal shift through behavioural change.

Wrexham is not designated as part of the Sustainable Travel Centre initiative, although we are funding a programme of travel behaviour research in the town as part of the Personalised Travel Planning project. The purpose of this is to encourage modal shift through behavioural change.

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): Faint o arian sydd wedi cael ei ddarparu i (a) Cyngor Caerdydd a (b) Cyngor Wrecsam i ddatblygu'r cynlluniau Canolfannau Teithio Cynaliadwy yn ystod 2011/12. (WAQ57808)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): How much money has been provided to (a) Cardiff Council and (b) Wrexham Council to develop the Sustainable Travel Centre schemes during 2011/12. (WAQ57808)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: The amount of funding the Welsh Government is providing for the Sustainable Travel Centre initiative in Cardiff is up to £1.7 million in total, and we are not providing any funding for Wrexham as it is not a designated Sustainable Travel Centre.

However, we are providing central funding for a Personalised Travel Planning project with the initial activities taking place in Cardiff and Wrexham. We will learn from the outcome of this work before extending the programme elsewhere.

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion o sut caiff llwyddiant y cynlluniau Canolfannau Teithio Cynaliadwy ei fesur. (WAQ57809)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister detail how the success of the Sustainable Travel Centre schemes is being measured. (WAQ57809)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: We expect to see more journeys being made by sustainable modes of travel.

William Graham (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pryd y mae'r Gweinidog yn disgwyl cyhoeddi'r astudiaeth ddichonoldeb ar ailagor y cyswllt rheilffordd rhwng Glynebwy a Chasnewydd. (WAQ57811)

William Graham (South Wales East): When does the Minister anticipate the publication of the feasibility study on the re-opening of the Ebbw Vale – Newport rail link. (WAQ57811)

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Carl Sargeant: The Welsh Government has received a copy of Network Rail's Option Appraisal Report (known as GRIP Stage 3), and I will be placing a copy in the Assembly Library shortly.

William Graham (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pryd ydych yn disgwyl cyhoeddi'r gwerthusiad manwl ar ailagor y cyswllt rheilffordd rhwng Glynebwy a Chasnewydd. (WAQ57812)

William Graham (South Wales East): When do you anticipate the publication of the detailed appraisal on the re-opening of the Ebbw Vale – Newport rail link. (WAQ57812)

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Carl Sargeant: I am currently considering the findings of the business case appraisal of Network Rail's feasibility report, and this work has recently been completed. This will assist the prioritisation of the National Transport Plan, which will be published in the autumn, and I will also publish the appraisal report at that time.

William Graham (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r cynnydd o ran adeiladu ffordd yr A470 rhwng Cwm-bach a'r Bontnewydd-ar-Wy, gan gynnwys amcangyfrif o gyfanswm y gost i'w chwblhau. (WAQ57817)

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline the progress on the construction of the A470 Cwmbach to Newbridge road, including an estimation of the total cost for completion. (WAQ57817)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: Good progress is being made on the works and we anticipate completion at the end of this year. The current estimated total scheme cost is £50m including construction, land and VAT.

William Graham (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu ymateb y gwasanaethau brys i'r tân yn nhwneli Bryn-glas. (WAQ57819)

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline the response by the emergency services to the fire in the Brynglas tunnels. (WAQ57819)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: The incident recorded on South Wales Traffic Management Centre cameras show the fire started at 08.30. Emergency services responded immediately with vehicles dispatched and on the scene by 08.36. The blaze was dealt with efficiently, with the safety of motorists paramount. The fact that there were no fatalities or injuries, even though the fire took place during rush hour, is a testament to the professionalism, skill and dedication of the emergency service personnel involved. Formal handover of the scene from South Wales Fire and Rescue to the Welsh Government's South Wales Trunk Road Agency took place at 17.00.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu faint sydd wedi ei wario ar archwilio a chynnal a chadw twneli Bryn-glas yr M4 yn 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 a hyd yn hyn yn 2011. (WAQ57825)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister outline how much has been spent on inspection and maintenance of the M4 Brynglas tunnels in 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011 to date. (WAQ57825)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: The Welsh Government has incurred the following expenditure in maintenance and inspection activities for the period requested:

Bryn Glas Tunnel Expenditure	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 (up to 28/07/11)
Capital	£318,459.17	£533,538.24	£212,267.28	£21,569.77
Routine Maintenance Activities – Annual Activity Programme (MCC)	£133,549.79	£157,903.45	£151,170.35	£52,960.01
Other Maintenance Activities		£14,922.44		£6,885.60
Lighting Maintenance Activities	£23,072.79	£30,924.71	£5,327.50	£600.15
TOTAL	£475,081.75	£737,288.84	£368,765.13	£82,015.53