

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 24 Mehefin 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 24 June 2011

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[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***

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau sawl cynghorydd arbennig a gyflogir gan Lywodraeth Cymru, gan roi manylion am eu swyddogaethau a'r adrannau y maent yn gweithio iddynt. (WAQ57527)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister confirm the number of special advisers that are employed by the Welsh Government, detailing the roles and departments they cover. (WAQ57527)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 29 Mehefin 2011
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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): The Permanent Secretary has delegated responsibility for staffing issues in the Welsh Government. The Permanent Secretary will respond to you directly with the details you have requested.

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 01 Gorffennaf 2011
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The Permanent Secretary (Dame Gill Morgan): As at 27 June there are five Special Advisers in the Welsh Government. This will increase to six on 4 July. Please see the table below for further details.

Special Adviser	Roles-Areas of responsibility	Department
Andrew Bold	Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science and Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science
Jonathan Davies (from 4 July)	Health and Social Services	Health, Social Services and Children
Matt Greenough	Education, Skills and the Welsh Language, Heritage and Sport	Education and Skills; Sustainable Futures
Steve Jones	Media, Communications and Assembly Business.	All
Jo Kiernan	First Minister, Delivery Unit, Legislation, Inter-Government relations, Wales for Africa, Wales in the World, Freedom of Information and Broadcasting	All
Chris Roberts	Public Service Delivery and Transport	Local Government and Communities

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth
 To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science***

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i sicrhau bod gan Bysgodfa Gocos y Tair Afon gynllun rheoli cynhwysfawr a'i bod yn cael ei rheoli'n gynaliadwy dan orchymyn rheoleiddio. (WAQ57520)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What steps is the Minister taking to ensure that the Three Rivers Cockle Fishery has a comprehensive management plan and is managed sustainably under a regulating order. (WAQ57520)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Mehefin 2011
Answer received for publication on 27 June 2011

The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): The Welsh Government is interacting with stakeholders to develop a sustainable management plan for the Three Rivers Estuary. This plan will consider the merits of restricting permit holders by using the powers within the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2010. We will consider the merits of a restricted permit scheme, together with any other proposals from stakeholders, including the possibility of a Regulating Order. Due to recent events stocks have fallen to a level which do not currently allow for a Fishery. Therefore a decision has been made to close the cockle fishery until at least 5 September 2011.

Gofyn i Weiniidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy
To ask the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am bolisi Llywodraeth Cymru ar ddefnyddio bwydydd anifeiliaid sy'n cynnwys deunydd GM. (WAQ57523) *Trosglwyddwyd i'w ateb gan y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol*

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy for the use of animal feed containing GM material. (WAQ57523) *Transferred for answer by the Minister for Health and Social Services*

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): I am advised by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) as Competent Authority in the UK for genetically modified animal feed (and food) matters that only authorised GM materials may be present in any feed (or food) marketed in the EU, whether imported or produced domestically.

EU Regulation 1829/2003 lays down the rules for the authorisation and labelling of genetically modified food and feed. Under these rules GM feed and food can only be marketed in the European Union after undergoing a rigorous safety assessment by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The objectives are to provide the basis for ensuring a high level of protection of human health, animal health and welfare, environment and consumers' interests in relation to GM food and feed.

On this basis I am satisfied that animal feed containing GM material on the market is safe and poses no threat to public health.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty
To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Sawl eitem a gafodd ei dwyn o adeiladau Llywodraeth Cymru ym mhob blwyddyn er 2008, a beth yw'r amcangyfrif o werth yr eiddo a gymerwyd. (WAQ57522)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): How many items were stolen from Welsh Government premises in each year since 2008, and what is the estimated value of the property taken. (WAQ57522)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): A total of 73 items were reported stolen from Welsh Government premises with an estimated value of £4,361 in 2008. In 2009, a total of 30 items were reported stolen with an estimated value of £11,680. In 2010, a total of 13 items were reported stolen with an estimated value of £1,535. The stolen items include both staff personal belongings and Welsh Government property. There have been no items reported as being stolen from Welsh Government premises in 2011 to date.

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa bryd y mae'r Gweinidog yn disgwyl i'r Asiantaeth Safonau Bwyd gwblhau eu hadroddiad ar hylendid a safonau bwyd yng Nghymru. (WAQ57525)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): When does the Minister expect the Food Standards Agency to conclude their report into food standards and hygiene in Wales. (WAQ57525)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): The Food Standards Agency submitted their final report on food law enforcement in Wales to the First Minister on the 26 May 2011. The First Minister will consider the Report, the advice provided to him and will make a decision on the way forward.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pa bryd y dechreuodd yr Asiantaeth Safonau Bwyd ar eu hymchwiliad i hylendid a safonau bwyd yma yng Nghymru. (WAQ57526)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm when the Food Standards Agency started their inquiry into food standards and hygiene here in Wales. (WAQ57526)

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Lesley Griffiths: The First Minister wrote to the Food Standards Agency Chairman on 25 August 2010 asking the FSA to review food law enforcement activities in Wales. The FSA started their inquiry mid October 2010.

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Beth sy'n cael ei wneud i sicrhau bod darpariaeth ddigonol ar drafndiaeth gyhoeddus i bobl sydd â nam ar eu golwg. (WAQ57524)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What is being done to ensure adequate provision for sight-impaired people on public transport. (WAQ57524)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): My officials have been working with Guide Dogs for the Blind and others on a best practice guide for local authorities and public transport operators so that they can help people who have visual or auditory impairments. The guide will highlight the barriers faced by individuals with sensory loss and raise awareness through some useful case studies of what can be done to help these passengers to travel independently. The guide will be published shortly.

In addition, some of the TrawsCambria longer-distance bus services offer audio-visual announcements and I am keen to extend coverage as part of our plans for expanding and improving the quality of the TrawsCambria network.

Gofyn i Un o Gynrychiolwyr Comisiwn y Cynulliad
To ask a Representative of the Assembly Commission

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): A wnaiff y Comisiwn restru'r holl atgyweiriadau a wnaethpwyd i adeilad y Senedd ers ei agor am y tro cyntaf yn 2006, a chost pob atgyweiriad. (WAQ57521)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Commission list all repairs to the Senedd building since it first opened in 2006, and the cost of each repair. (WAQ57521)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 23 Mehefin 2011
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Peter Black AM on behalf of the Assembly Commission:

The cost of repairs to the Senedd incurred by the Assembly since it opened in 2006 is broken down by category of repair in the attached table.

Other repairs have been carried out by Vinci Construction at their cost as part of the building contract and defects liability period.

Repair costs associated with Senedd Building

Category	Financial Year 2006-07	Financial Year 2007-08	Financial Year 2008-09	Financial Year 2009-10	Financial Year 2010-11	Total Spend
Building Fabric	£0.00	£0.00	£3,248.62	£4,442.39	£7,037.00	£14,728.01
Catering	£0.00	£1,394.10	£0.00	£140.37	£1,941.16	£3,475.63
Camera Repairs	£287.58	£2,869.37	£3,699.17	£96.51	£1,404.02	£8,356.65
Doors	£5,536.06	£8,454.18	£1,589.54	£5,897.54	£4,354.68	£25,832.00

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Electrical	£4,088.61	£9,731.33	£6,140.40	£8,926.16	£298.39	£29,184.89
Furniture & Fittings	£389.31	£2,424.36	£659.46	£0.00	£0.00	£3,473.13
Floors	£5,381.93	£1,211.29	£340.99	£72.45	£660.74	£7,667.40
Health & Safety	£0.00	£0.00	£824.56	£0.00	£0.00	£824.56
Heating Systems	£2,723.42	£104.23	£1,909.35	£46.14	£4,501.29	£9,284.43
Lifts	£26.59	£309.79	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£336.38
Lighting	£764.70	£4,410.13	£2,112.20	£0.00	£3,055.20	£10,342.23
Other	£1,389.44	£394.21	£1,077.56	£3,042.05	£941.68	£6,844.94
Plumbing	£8,380.07	£8,101.23	£575.17	£463.63	£1,326.93	£18,847.03
Toilets	£165.34	£1,898.55	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,063.89
Windows	£2,225.81	£10,943.52	£977.67	£1,957.91	£0.00	£16,104.91
Total Cost	£31,358.86	£52,246.29	£23,154.69	£25,085.15	£25,521.09	£157,366.08