

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 5 Rhagfyr 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 5 December 2012

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Suzy Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am waith y panel cynghori annibynnol ar ddarlledu a rhestru pa mor aml y mae wedi cwrdd ers ei greu. (WAQ61716)

Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the First Minister provide an update on the work of the independent broadcasting advisory panel and list how often it has met since its creation. (WAQ61716)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): The panel are focussed on researching a number of areas, including the work on broadcasting that has taken place in Wales over the past 10 years and how other European countries manage Public Service Broadcasting. The panel has met three times.

Suzy Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu swyddogaeth yr Uned Gyflawni o ran gweithredu argymhellion y Grwp Gorchwyl a Gorffen ar y Rhagolygon ar gyfer Dyfodol y Cyfryngau yng Nghymru a'r panel cynghori annibynnol ar ddarlledu. (WAQ61717)

Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the First Minister outline the role of the Delivery Unit in taking forward the recommendations of the Task & Finish Group on the Future Outlook for the Media in Wales and the independent broadcasting advisory panel. (WAQ61717)

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The First Minister: It has not been necessary for the Delivery Unit to work with the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage' officials in taking forward the recommendations.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu'r holl gamau y mae wedi'u cymryd i fonitro effeithiolrwydd yr Uned Gyflawni; a pha asesiad y mae wedi'i wneud o berfformiad ei Uned Gyflawni hyd yn hyn. (WAQ61728)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline all steps he has taken to monitor the effectiveness of the Delivery Unit; and what assessment has he made of the performance of his Delivery Unit to date. (WAQ61728)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu'r holl gamau a gymerwyd gan yr Uned Gyflawni i gydgyssylltu gwaith ar draws adrannau'r Llywodraeth i sicrhau eu bod yn cydweithio. (WAQ61729)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline all steps taken by the Delivery Unit to co-ordinate work across Government departments to ensure that they are working together. (WAQ61729)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Sawl gwaith y mae Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog wedi cynghori bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn methu â chyflawni. (WAQ61730)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): On how many occasions has the First Minister's Delivery Unit advised that the Welsh Government is failing to deliver. (WAQ61730)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog wedi'i wneud o fentrau sydd wedi'u hamlinellu yn y Rhaglen Lywodraethu nad ydynt wedi cael eu datblygu yn unol â'r amserlenni a bennwyd. (WAQ61731)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What assessment has the First Minister's Delivery Unit made of initiatives outlined in the Programme for Government that have not been taken forward within the schedules timescales. (WAQ61731)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog wedi'i wneud o gyflawniad prosiectau trafndiaeth sydd wedi cael eu gohirio ac sydd nawr y tu allan i gwmpas y Cynllun Trafndiaeth Cenedlaethol presennol. (WAQ61732)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What assessment has the First Minister's Delivery Unit made of the delivery of transport projects that have been postponed and are now out of scope of the current National Transport Plan. (WAQ61732)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gamau y mae Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog wedi'u cymryd i wella amseroedd aros y GIG ac amseroedd ymateb ambiwlansys ledled Cymru. (WAQ61733)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What steps has the First Minister's Delivery Unit made to improve NHS waiting times and ambulance response times across Wales. (WAQ61733)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog wedi'i wneud o'r cynlluniau presennol i ad-drefnu byrddau iechyd. (WAQ61734)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What assessment has the First Minister's Delivery Unit made of current health board reconfiguration plans. (WAQ61734)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Sut y mae Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog wedi gwella cyflawniad addysgol yn benodol yng Nghymru. (WAQ61735)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How has the First Minister's Delivery Unit specifically improved educational attainment in Wales. (WAQ61735)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Prif Weinidog wedi'u cymryd i sicrhau bod gweithgareddau'r Uned Gyflawni'n dryloyw. (WAQ61736)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What steps have been taken by the First Minister to ensure the activities of his Delivery Unit are transparent. (WAQ61736)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A yw Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog yn monitro effeithlonrwydd gwariant Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ61737)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Does the First Minister's Delivery Unit monitor the efficiency of Welsh Government spend. (WAQ61737)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi manylion sut yr oedd yr Uned Gyflawni wedi gweithio gyda phob adran i lunio Cyllideb Ddrafft 2013-14. (WAQ61738)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister detail how the Delivery Unit worked with each department to construct the 2013-14 Draft Budget. (WAQ61738)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu sut yr oedd yr Uned Gyflawni wedi dylanwadu ar ailstrwythuro'r ardaloedd Cymunedau yn Gyntaf yn Glystyrau. (WAQ61739)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline how the Delivery Unit influenced the restructuring of the Communities First areas into Clusters. (WAQ61739)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu sut y mae'r Uned Gyflawni wedi monitro cynnydd y Cynllun Gweithredu ar gyfer Trechu Tlodi a'i dargedau a sut y mae'n gwneud hynny nawr. (WAQ61740)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline how the Delivery Unit has monitored and is monitoring the progress of the Tackling Poverty Action Plan and its targets. (WAQ61740)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu sut yr oedd yr Uned Gyflawni wedi helpu i gyflawni'r cynllun gwarant morgais. (WAQ61741)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline how the Delivery Unit helped to deliver the mortgage guarantee scheme. (WAQ61741)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu sut y mae'r Uned Gyflawni wedi monitro cynnydd Safon Ansawdd Tai Cymru a'i dargedau a sut y mae'n gwneud hynny nawr. (WAQ61742)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline how the Delivery Unit has monitored and is monitoring the progress of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard and its targets. (WAQ61742)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu sut y mae'r Uned Gyflawni wedi monitro cynnydd cynlluniau cyllid sy'n cael eu cynnig gan Cyllid Cymru a sut y mae'n dal i wneud hynny. (WAQ61743)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline how the Delivery Unit has monitored and is monitoring the progress of finance schemes offered by Finance Wales. (WAQ61743)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu sut y mae'r Uned Gyflawni wedi monitro cynnydd Ardaloedd Menter Cymru a sut y mae'n gwneud hynny nawr. (WAQ61744)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline how the Delivery Unit has monitored and is monitoring the progress of Welsh Enterprise Zones. (WAQ61744)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu sut y mae'r Uned Gyflawni wedi monitro cyflwyno band eang y genhedlaeth nesaf yng Nghymru a sut y mae'n gwneud hynny nawr. (WAQ61745)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline how the Delivery Unit has monitored and is monitoring the rollout of next generation broadband in Wales. (WAQ61745)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu sut y mae'r Uned Gyflawni wedi monitro cynnydd Twf Swyddi Cymru a sut y mae'n gwneud hynny nawr. (WAQ61746)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline how the Delivery Unit has monitored and is monitoring the progress of Jobs Growth Wales. (WAQ61746)

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The First Minister: The Delivery Unit has not been established to do others' jobs for them. It works with departments to tease out issues and to ensure that they are working together to deliver the Government's strategic priorities and to help deliver the best possible outcomes. It also has a role in ensuring accountability and in monitoring capacity and capability across Departments. I established the Delivery Unit to assist me in measuring progress across Government as a whole; it is a small team which is accountable directly to me and therefore it is for me to determine its priorities and focus of activity and to judge whether it is fulfilling the role I set it.

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

Suzy Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am waith Panel y Sector Diwydiannau Creadigol a rhestru sawl gwaith y mae wedi cwrdd ers ei greu. (WAQ61715)

Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on the work of the Creative Industries Sector Panel and list how often it has met since its creation. (WAQ61715)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): The Creative Industries Sector Panel provides advice to me on the opportunities and needs of the sector. They meet as and when required to take this work forward.

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Yn dilyn eich datganiad ar 23 Hydref 2012 ac, yng ngoleuni'r ffaith bod Llywodraeth Cymru wedi derbyn cynnig Comisiwn Silk i ddatganoli ardrethi busnes yn llwyr, a ydych yn cefnogi cadw ardrethi busnes yn lleol yng Nghymru. (WAQ61721)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Further to your statement on 23 October 2012 and, in light of the Welsh Government's acceptance of the Silk Commission proposal to totally devolve business rates, do you support the local retention of business rates in Wales. (WAQ61721)

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Edwina Hart: I set out my position on business rates in Wales in my statement on 23 October.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn y datganiad ar 28 Tachwedd 2012, a wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa drafodaethau/ cynlluniau/ cynigion sydd wedi cael eu llunio, neu sydd yn cael eu llunio, a chan bwy, yng nghyswllt system drafnidiaeth Metro newydd rhwng y Ddinas a'r Bae; gan gynnwys manylion unrhyw gostau arfaethedig ar gyfer y cynllun. (WAQ61725)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Further to the statement on 28/11/12, will the Minister outline what discussions/plans/proposals have been, or are being, drawn up and by whom with regards to a new City-Bay Metro transport system; including details of any proposed costing for the scheme. (WAQ61725)

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn y datganiad ar 28 Tachwedd 2012, a wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa gynigion eraill o ran cysylltiadau trafnidiaeth a allai ddylanwadu ar Ardal Fenter Dyfrffordd y Ddau Gleddau. (WAQ61726)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Further to the statement on 28/11/12, will the Minister outline what other proposals in terms of transport connectivity could have an impact on the Haven Waterways Enterprise Zone. (WAQ61726)

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Edwina Hart: I will provide an update on Enterprise Zones in an oral statement in January.

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r cymhellion busnes penodol ar gyfer Ardal Fenter Dyfrffordd y Ddau Gleddau. (WAQ61727)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister outline the specific business incentives for the Haven Waterway enterprise zone. (WAQ61727)

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Edwina Hart: I will provide an update on Enterprise Zones in an oral statement in January.

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn ei sylwadau ar 7 Tachwedd 2012, pam y mae'r Gweinidog yn teimlo ei bod yn iawn disgrifio un o Brifysgolion Cymru fel un sydd "i raddau helaeth ar gyron" ei strategaeth addysg uwch. (WAQ61722)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to his comments on November 7th 2012, why does the Minister feel it is appropriate to describe a Welsh University as “largely marginal” to his higher educational strategy. (WAQ61722)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): Simply for the reasons I gave at the time.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Faint o gyfarfodydd y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael hyd yn hyn gyda Huw Evans OBE i drafod yr Adolygiad o Gymwysterau i bobl ifanc rhwng 14 a 19 oed yng Nghymru; ac ar ba ddyddiadau y cynhaliwyd unrhyw gyfarfodydd o'r fath. (WAQ61723)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): How many meetings has the Minister had to date with Huw Evans OBE to discuss the Review of Qualifications for 14 to 19-year-olds in Wales; and on what dates did any such meetings take place. (WAQ61723)

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Leighton Andrews: I have had three meetings, on the following dates in 2012: 22 March, 13 September, and 8 November.

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

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu rhestr o (a) Mynychwyr; a (b) Unigolion/grwpiau a ddaeth/gafodd wahoddiad i lansiad Glandwr Cymru ar 23 Hydref 2012. (WAQ61718)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide a list of (a) Attendees; and (b) Invited individuals/groups, who attended/were invited to attend the launch of Glandwr Cymru on 23rd October 2012. (WAQ61718)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The event to launch Glandwr Cymru on 23 October 2012 was not organised by the Welsh Government, but by the Canal and Rivers Trust in Wales Glandwr Cymru who hold this information.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth
To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Suzy Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cynnydd sydd wedi cael ei wneud gan Lywodraeth Cymru o ran gweithredu argymhellion y Grwp Gorchwyl a Gorffen ar y Rhagolygon ar gyfer Dyfodol y Cyfryngau yng Nghymru. (WAQ61714)

Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on the progress made by the Welsh Government in implementing the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on the Future Outlook for the Media in Wales. (WAQ61714)

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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): The Welsh Government responded in May 2012 to the report of the Task and Finish Group on the Future Outlook for the Media in Wales and a Plenary debate was held on 18 July 2012. Since then the Welsh Government has ensured that the report's recommendations have been implemented and will continue to do so.

The Welsh Government accepted the majority of the report's recommendations and welcomed the fact that so many of the issues under discussion in the report were ones that we had already raised with the UK Government, the broadcasters, Ofcom and other relevant bodies. The Welsh Government will continue to engage closely with these bodies and also contribute constructively to ensure that the new Communication Review meets the needs of Wales.

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu cyfanswm y dyraniad cyllid at ddibenion cynnal a chadw draeniau priffyrdd ar gyfer pob un o'r tair blynedd ariannol diwethaf a 2012 hyd yn hyn. (WAQ61719)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister outline the total funding allocation for the purposes of highway drainage maintenance for each of the past 3 financial years and 2012 to date. (WAQ61719)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The total funding allocation for highway drainage maintenance are as follows: 2009/10 £2.495m, 2010/11 £2.81m, 2011/12 £5.1464m and 2012/13 to date £3.1464m.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau amserlen y rhaglen ar gyfer cynnal a chadw a glanhau draeniau priffyrdd ar yr A55 ar gyfer 2010-11; 2011-12; a 2012 hyd yn hyn. (WAQ61720)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister confirm the timetable for the programme of maintenance and cleaning of highway drains on the A55 for the 2010-11; 2011-12; and 2012 to date. (WAQ61720)

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Carl Sargeant: The annual Inspection and maintenance regime for the A55 from 2010/11 through to the current financial year has been as follows:

- From May to October, a cyclic maintenance programme is undertaken during which gullies, catchpits and open concrete channels are cleansed and swept.
- Twice monthly in winter and once monthly for the remainder of the year, a regime of inspecting and cleansing all culvert inlet and outlet headwalls are undertaken.
- Additional inspections and cleansing are undertaken outside of this regime when adverse weather conditions are forecasted.
- Clearing works are undertaken on other drainage systems such as open channels at the top of embankments depending upon the volume and timing of leaf fall.
- Since 2010 a programme of specialist drainage inspections including camera surveys has been undertaken to supplement routine inspections.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r hyn y mae'n ei wneud i liniaru ar bryderon a godwyd gan y Pwyllgor Cyllid y bydd y £10m a gymerwyd o'r dyraniad llywodraeth leol ar gyfer Cronfa Gydweithredu yn darparu gwerth am arian. (WAQ61724)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline what he is doing to allay concerns raised by the Finance Committee that the £10m taken from the local government allocation for a Collaboration Fund will provide value for money. (WAQ61724)

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Carl Sargeant: The Regional Collaboration Fund will support work to ensure the long-term resilience of local government and its partners so that they are well positioned to manage future financial and demand pressures against the background of on going public expenditure constraint.