

Written Assembly Questions for answer on 09 February 2005

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(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport

Lisa Francis (Mid & West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Arts Outside Cardiff programme and how it has benefited organisations in Mid and West Wales. (WAQ41436)

Lisa Francis (Mid & West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh language theatre in Mid and West Wales. (WAQ41438)

Lisa Francis (Mid & West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on spending on the Arts Outside Cardiff each year since its implementation. (WAQ41437)

Lisa Francis (Mid & West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on how much money from the Arts Outside Cardiff programme has been spent in Mid and West Wales since it was implemented. (WAQ41439)

Lisa Francis (Mid & West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on which projects the Arts Outside Cardiff programme has helped in Mid and West Wales since it was implemented. (WAQ41440)

To ask the Minister for Economic Development and Transport

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What grants if any are available to community/volunteer groups to promote tourism in their locality. (WAQ41409)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the importance and contribution of Tourist Information Centres to the tourism industry and visitor experience in Wales. (WAQ41410)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Does the £42m package announced by the Energy Minister at Westminster to assist in the development of wave and tidal technology help Wales, and if so, in what way. (WAQ41411)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with regard to the transfer of powers over large energy projects from Westminster to Wales, and will he give details of those discussions and when the transfer is likely to be effective.

(WAQ41412)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What meetings has the Minister had with Ministers at Westminster with regard to the transfer of powers in relation to large energy projects, and will he give details of those meetings. (WAQ41413)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the transfer of power over large energy projects from Westminster to Wales. (WAQ41414)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with the Energy Minister at Westminster with regard to wave and tidal technology, and will he disclose details of any discussions. (WAQ41415)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): When are the proposed improvements and extensions to Queen Street Station expected to be completed. (WAQ41423)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What steps has the Minister taken to increase the share of funding from Westminster for rail services in Wales. (WAQ41419)

To ask the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

John Griffiths (Newport East): How many primary schoolchildren in Wales receive their education at private schools and what percentage of primary schoolchildren in Wales as a whole do they constitute. (WAQ41418)

John Griffiths (Newport East): How many secondary schoolchildren in Wales receive their education at private schools and what percentage of secondary schoolchildren in Wales as a whole do they constitute. (WAQ41430)

John Griffiths (Newport East): How many private primary schools exist in Wales and what percentage of primary schools in Wales as a whole does this constitute. (WAQ41431)

John Griffiths (Newport East): How many private secondary schools exist in Wales and what percentage of secondary schools in Wales as a whole does this constitute. (WAQ41432)

John Griffiths (Newport East): How many private primary schools in Wales engage in partnerships with the state sector and what do these arrangements cover. (WAQ41433)

John Griffiths (Newport East): How many private secondary schools in Wales engage in partnerships with the state sector and what do these arrangements cover. (WAQ41434)

John Griffiths (Newport East): What steps are being taken, and will be taken, to encourage private schools in Wales to engage in partnerships with the state sector.

(WAQ41435)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What steps has the Minister taken to increase the facilities for youth clubs in Wales. (WAQ41420)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What is the timetable for increasing the provision of Welsh language speech therapists for pupils. (WAQ41421)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What is the timetable for increasing the provision of staff who can teach children with special educational needs through the medium of Welsh. (WAQ41422)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement about MRSA rates in Nevill Hall hospital. (WAQ41416)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the MRSA situation in Wales. (WAQ41417)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister be holding an investigation into reports regarding concerns of patient safety at Whitchurch hospital, and will he make public all information gathered from that investigation as well as information he currently holds in this matter. (WAQ41424)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on any changes in the incidence of Mumps during the past 12 months, including any localised incidences. (WAQ41425)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Has the Minister made any plans to follow the example of the Scottish Executive to provide free central heating for older people. (WAQ41426)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): What assessments has the Minister made on the increase in cold-related deaths. (WAQ41427)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Has the Minister made any plans to remove the means tested element of the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme, and will she clarify why means testing is required for this benefit. (WAQ41428)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister detail the amount paid in each year since 1997 in each housing related benefit. (WAQ41429)