Atebion a roddwyd i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 19 Mawrth 2013 Answers issued to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 19 March 2013

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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): Yn dilyn ymateb y Gweinidog i Ddadl Plaid Cymru ar yr economi, a gynhaliwyd ar 9 Tachwedd 2011, pan fu i chi ddweud eich bod yn edifar am y gyfundrefn gyfalafol, a wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi pa ddylanwad a gafodd yr edifeirwch hwn ar ei phenderfyniadau ynghylch polisi economaidd. (WAQ64324)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to the Minister's response to the Plaid Cymru Debate on the economy, held on 9 November 2011, where you stated that 'I regret the capitalist system', will the Minister detail what influence this 'regret' has had on her economic policy decisions. (WAQ64324)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn ymateb y Gweinidog i Ddadl Plaid Cymru ar yr economi, a gynhaliwyd ar 9 Tachwedd 2011, a wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa effaith a gafodd athrawiaethau Karl Marx a Friedrich Engles ar ei pholisïau ar gyfer busnesau a mentrau yng Nghymru. (WAQ64325)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to the Minister's response to the Plaid Cymru Debate on the economy, held on 9 November 2011, will the Minister outline what impact the teachings of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels have had on her policy approach to Welsh business and enterprise. (WAQ64325)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 13 Mawrth 2013 Answer received for publication on 13 March 2013

The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): My economic policy is driven by our priorities for jobs and growth.

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 yr oedi wrth weithredu rhai prosiectau Rhaglen Moderneiddio Addysg gan Gyngor Sir Caerfyrddin, yn enwedig cais Ysgol Glan-y-Môr yn Llanelli. (WAQ64336)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the delay in the implementation of some Modernising Education Programme projects by Carmarthenshire County Council, particularly the Glanymor School application in Llanelli. (WAQ64336)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): The authority's MEP has been in place for a number of years and is reviewed annually. The pace of implementation of individual projects within the MEP is a matter for the local authority and in view of my role within the statutory process governing school organisation issues (where applicable) I am unable to comment on specific school projects. I therefore advise that you discuss the timing issues of the Glanymor school project directly with the local authority.

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am greu Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru Gyfan ac unrhyw amserlenni perthnasol. (WAQ64327)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister provide an update on the creation of an All Wales Blood Service and any relevant timescales. (WAQ64327)

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael gyda Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru a Gwasanaeth Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG ynghylch symud tuag at Wasanaeth Gwaed Cymru Gyfan. (WAQ64328)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What discussions has the Minister had with the Welsh Blood Service (WBS) and the NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) regarding the move towards an All Wales Blood Service. (WAQ64328)

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Faint yw'r amcan o gost creu a gweithredu Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru Gyfan. (WAQ64329)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What is the estimated cost of the creation and implementation of an All Wales Blood Service. (WAQ64329)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 22 Mawrth 2013 Answer received for publication on 22 March 2013

The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

Vaughan Gething (De Caerdydd a Phenarth): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y trafodaethau y mae wedi'u cael gyda Llywodraeth y DU ynglyn â chanfyddiadau Adroddiad Dilnot o ran talu am ofal hirdymor i bobl hyn. (WAQ64337)

Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth): Will the Minister make a statement on discussions she has had with the UK Government on the findings of the Dilnot Report in relation to the paying for long term care for older people. (WAQ64337)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Mawrth 2013 Answer received for publication on 20 March 2013

The Deputy Minister for Social Services (Gwenda Thomas): I met recently with the UK Minister of State for Care and Support, Norman Lamb MP, to gauge the implications for Wales of the UK Government's response to the Dilnot Report. I will be issuing a statement before the Recess on the outcome of that discussion and steps to shape reform of the system in 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 nodi sawl cyfarfod y mae wedi'i gael gyda Chymdeithas Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned Mwy o Faint Gogledd Cymru yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad hyd yn hyn, dyddiadau'r cyfarfodydd hynny a beth a drafodwyd. (WAQ64330)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister detail how many meetings he has had with the North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils during the Fourth Assembly to date, the dates of those meetings and what was discussed. (WAQ64330)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Mawrth 2013 Answer received for publication on 25 March 2013

The Minister for Local Government and Government Business (Lesley Griffiths): I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau faint o gynghorau tref a chymuned yng Nghymru a gyflwynodd geisiadau cymeradwyaeth fenthyca yn 2012, ac a wnaiff gadarnhau faint o'r rhain a dderbyniwyd, faint a wrthodwyd ac a oes unrhyw geisiadau heb eu hystyried. (WAQ64331)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister confirm how many community and town councils in Wales submitted borrowing approval applications in 2012, and will he confirm how many of these were accepted, how many were rejected and whether any applications remain outstanding. (WAQ64331)

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

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o wybodaeth a dealltwriaeth y cyhoedd yng Nghymru ynghylch gweithgareddau cynghorau cymuned lleol, y pwer sydd ganddynt a'u swyddogaeth wrth wneud penderfyniadau lleol. (WAQ64332)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What assessment has the Minister made of the Welsh general public's knowledge and understanding of the activities of local community councils, the power they hold and their role within local decision-making. (WAQ64332)

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Lesley Griffiths: I expect town and community councils to engage widely and effectively within their communities. I encourage them to have a plan for their areas which should be available for people to engage with and contribute to.

A survey of town and community councils in 2010 found only around half of them have websites, so in many areas communities are unable to easily access information about their council.

The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill includes provisions for every town and community council to publish basic contact details and records of their proceedings on the internet. The Welsh Government has made available approximately £375,000 to support this.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o weithredu mesurau tryloywder mewn llywodraeth leol yng Nghymru o'i chymharu â Lloegr. (WAQ64333)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What assessment has the Minister made of the implementation of transparency measures at local government in Wales compared to in England. (WAQ64333)

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Lesley Griffiths: Transparency in Local Government is about good governance and effective scrutiny. The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 introduced several provisions which strengthened local scrutiny.

These include the introduction of Heads of Democratic Services and a requirement for Local Authorities to enable elected members to publish an annual report so electors can access information about the activities of their representatives.

Funding has been provided to enable principal councils to broadcast council meetings on the internet. This will enable the public to directly see how the decision making process operates. Funding is also available to support town and community councils set up websites.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cymryd yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad i annog awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru i gyhoeddi gwariant er mwyn gallu craffu mwy ar wariant cyhoeddus. (WAQ64334)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What steps have been taken by the Minister during the Fourth Assembly to encourage local authorities in Wales to publish expenditure to allow for greater scrutiny of public spending. (WAQ64334)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Mawrth 2013 Answer received for publication on 25 March 2013

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

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi sawl cyfarfod y mae wedi'i gael gydag Un Llais Cymru yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad hyd yn hyn, dyddiadau'r cyfarfodydd hynny a beth a drafodwyd. (WAQ64335)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister detail how many meetings he has had with One Voice Wales during the Fourth Assembly to date, the dates of those meetings and what was discussed. (WAQ64335)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Mawrth 2013 Answer received for publication on 25 March 2013 Lesley Griffiths: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

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