

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 15 December 2009**

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***To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport***

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** What discussions have the Minister and his advisers had with the Severn River Crossing PLC on toll charges in 2010. (WAQ55276)

*Answer issued on 15 December 2009*

**The Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport (Ieuan Wyn Jones):** Neither my advisors nor I have had discussions with Severn River Crossing PLC on toll charges in 2010.

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** What advice has the Minister taken from businesses on toll charges on the Severn Crossings in 2010. (WAQ55277)

*Answer issued on 15 December 2009*

I have received no advice from businesses on toll charges on the Severn Crossings in 2010.

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** What discussions has the Minister had with his UK Government counterparts regarding a) tolls on the Severn Crossings and b) wider toll freezes and reductions in 2010. (WAQ55278)

*Answer issued on 28 April 2011*

I apologise for not replying sooner, this was due to an administrative error.

I have regular bilateral discussions with the Secretary of State in Wales where we discuss a wide range of issues, including tolls on the Severn Crossings.

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** Will the Minister confirm whether he is consulted as part of the process by which new annual tolls for the Severn Crossings are calculated. (WAQ55279)

*Answer issued on 15 December 2009*

I am not consulted as part of this process.

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the Severn Crossing tolls on business in Wales. (WAQ55280)

*Answer issued on 15 December 2009*

No official assessment has been made of the impact of the Severn Crossing tolls on business in Wales.

***To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government***

**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister outline what recent discussions he has held with the UK Government regarding the loss of the 24 hour air and rescue cover at RAF Chivenor due to cuts in services from 2012, and the effects this will have on Wales. (WAQ55275)

*Answer issued on 21 December 2009*

I have not had any discussions with the UK Government on this issue.