Written Assembly Questions for answer on 10 July 2002

R - Signifies the Member has declared an interest. W - Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the First Minister

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central); What discussions has the First Minister recently had with the Minister for Transport regarding the development of rail services in Cardiff, the Valleys and the Vale of Glamorgan. (WAQ19023) **W**

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales); How has his government's policies benefited the regeneration of the rural economy. (WAQ19024)

Peter Black (South Wales West); How can the procurement policies of the Welsh Assembly Government help to secure textile jobs in Wales. (WAQ19025)

Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon); Following the report published in 'The Guardian' on 1 July 2002, what discussions has the First Minister had with UK Government Ministers regarding the possible reconsideration of the Barnett formula and its benefits to Wales. (WAQ19026) **W**