

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 6 Chwefror 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 6 February 2012

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***Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister***

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y Strategaeth Digwyddiadau Mawr. (WAQ59676)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the First Minister provide an update on the Major Events Strategy. (WAQ59676)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 31 Ionawr 2012
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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): On 29 September 2010, the Welsh Government launched Wales' first Major Events Strategy – ‘*Event Wales*’ which aims to build on the success of ‘Team Wales’ in delivering major international events such as the 2010 Ryder Cup and the 2009 Ashes Test.

The Major Events Unit (MEU) is responsible for leading and co-ordinating the delivery of *Event Wales*. The MEU has made good progress in implementing *Event Wales* and has recorded some early achievements in building Wales' position as an outstanding destination for major events. Highlights include:

Hosting the inaugural International Events Conference at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in November 2011. The conference was attended by a number of key international events industry figures who praised the content, presentation and organisation of the event;

In 2012, with support from the MEU, Wales will host the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup and Olympic football at the Millennium Stadium;

In 2013, with support from the MEU, Wales will co-host (with England) the Rugby League World Cup – a key element of the UK's Decade of Sport. We will also be hosting WOMEX, the world's leading annual showcase, conference and trade fair for world music;

In 2014, with support from the MEU, another historic milestone for Wales – the Senior Open Championship will be staged at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. The first time Wales has staged one of golf's ‘Majors’;

In 2015, with support from the MEU, Glamorgan Cricket will build its position among the world's leading international cricket venues by hosting another Ashes Test Match.

MEU officials are in regular discussions with a range of Welsh, GB/UK and international governing bodies of sport and cultural organisations to identify major event opportunities for 2012/13 and beyond.

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

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y Cynllun Twristiaeth Ddiwylliannol. (WAQ59675)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the Cultural Tourism Plan. (WAQ59675)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 06 Chwefror 2012
Answer received for publication on 06 February 2012

The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): The Cultural Tourism Action Plan is being reviewed by the Cultural Tourism Partnership and Steering Group with a view to suggesting actions that can be taken forward over the next three years by the Welsh Government and key stakeholders. A revised action plan is being prepared in liaison with the Tourism Sector Panel, which I expect to be published in May this year.

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ystyriaeth y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i rhoi i brosiectau trosglwyddo dwr ar raddfa fawr yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad. (WAQ59677)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What consideration has the Welsh Government given to large-scale water transfer projects during the Fourth Assembly. (WAQ59677)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The Welsh Government recognises the importance of water as an asset and its value to people, business and the environment. Our forthcoming Water Strategy consultation will consider issues around the management of our water resources. We will also be working closely with Environment Agency, water companies and other water stakeholders through the Welsh Government Water Industry Forum to ensure a long term approach is adopted for water management in Wales.

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A oedd polisi Llywodraeth flaenorol y DU o dynnu'r hyblygrwydd ar godiadau mewn prisiau tocynnau trê, gan sicrhau bod yn rhaid i bob codiad mewn pris tocyn trê fod yn is na'r Mynegai Prisiau Manwerthu+1%, wedi cael ei ymestyn i Gymru a masnachfaint Trenau Arriva Cymru. (WAQ59669)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Was the previous UK Government's policy of removing the flex on rail fare increases, ensuring that each individual rail fare increase had to be below RPI+1%, extended to Wales and the Arriva Trains Wales franchise. (WAQ59669)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The UK Government's policy for regulated fares, which you refer to, was applied in 2010 for one year. The Welsh Government adopted the same policy for the Wales and Borders franchise in 2010.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Dros ba gyfnod oedd polisi Llywodraeth flaenorol y DU, a gafodd ei ymestyn i Gymru, o dynnu'r hyblygrwydd ar godiadau mewn prisiau tocynnau trên blynyddol i fod yn berthnasol. (WAQ59670)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): During what period was the extension to Wales of the previous UK Government's policy of removing the flex on annual rail fare increases to apply. (WAQ59670)

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Carl Sargeant: I refer you to my answer to WAQ59669. The policy was applied in England and in Wales during 2010.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A yw masnachfrait rheilffyrdd Cymru nawr wedi dychwelyd i'r system hyblyg, sy'n golygu bod modd codi prisiau tocynnau unigol yn fwy na'r Mynegai Prisiau Manwerthu+1% ar yr amod bod y cynnydd cyfartalog blynyddol yn llai na'r swm hwn. (WAQ59671)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Has the Welsh rail franchise now reverted back to the flex system, in which individual fares can be increased by more than RPI+1% so long as the annual average rise falls below this mount. (WAQ59671)

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Carl Sargeant: In 2011, the policy for the Wales and Borders franchise reverted back to a flexible approach, where individual regulated fares can be increased by more than RPI+1% as long as the average increase across all regulated fares is no more than RPI+1%. This policy is continuing in Wales during 2012, and it is consistent with the policy of the UK Government for regulated fares in England.

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

David Melding (Canol De Cymru): Beth yw lefel y cymorth ariannol a roddir i gyfres Llyfrgell Cymru ar hyn o bryd. (WAQ59672)

David Melding (South Wales Central): What is the current level of financial support given to the Library of Wales series. (WAQ59672)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Chwefror 2012
Answer received for publication on 09 February 2012

The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): The Welsh Government allocated £50,000 to the Welsh Books Council in the 2011-12 financial year in support of the Library of Wales series.

David Melding (Canol De Cymru): Sut caiff darpar deitlau eu dewis i'w cynnwys yng nghyfres Llyfrgell Cymru. (WAQ59673)

David Melding (South Wales Central): How are prospective titles for inclusion in the Library of Wales series chosen. (WAQ59673)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Chwefror 2012
Answer received for publication on 07 February 2012

Huw Lewis: Titles are chosen by the Series Editor, Professor Dai Smith, in consultation with the publisher, Parthian Books.

David Melding (Canol De Cymru): Sawl copi o bob teitl yng nghyfres Llyfrgell Cymru gafodd ei werthu yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf mae ffigurau ar gael ar ei chyfer. (WAQ59674)

David Melding (South Wales Central): How many copies of each title in the Library of Wales series were sold in the last year for which figures are available. (WAQ59674)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Chwefror 2012
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Huw Lewis: 5,547 copies of titles in the series were sold between January 2011 and January 2012. A total of 46,456 copies of titles in the series have been sold so far at an average figure of 1,452 per title.