

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 18 Ebrill 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 18 April 2012

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ60068, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu agenda a manylion y drafodaeth a gynhaliwyd gyda Gamesa a swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru ar 22 Tachwedd 2011. (WAQ60079)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to his answer to WAQ60068, will the First Minister provide the agenda and details of the discussion held with Gamesa and Welsh Government officials on 22 November 2011. (WAQ60079)

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ60068, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau a yw ef, neu unrhyw aelod o'i Gabinet wedi cyfarfod, wedi siarad neu wedi gohebu'n uniongyrchol â Gamesa yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf ac os felly, a wnaiff roi disgrifiad byr o unrhyw gyfathrebiad. (WAQ60080)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to his answer to WAQ60068, will the First Minister confirm if he, or any member of his Cabinet have met with, spoken to, or corresponded directly with Gamesa in the past 12 months and if so, will he provide an outline of any communication. (WAQ60080)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): At the meeting on 22 November 2011, held with officials, Gamesa provided an update on the proposed Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park Development, including their community benefits plan. Welsh Government officials provided an update on energy policy matters in Wales.

Neither I, or any member of the Cabinet, have not spoken to, or corresponded directly with Gamesa in the past 12 months.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu rhestr o holl aelodau'r gweithgor a sefydlodd yn ddiweddar i ystyried dyfodol Maes Awyr Caerdydd. (WAQ60083)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide a list of all members on the working group that he recently convened to consider the future of Cardiff Airport. (WAQ60083)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at y gweithgor sydd wedi'i sefydlu i ystyried dyfodol Maes Awyr Caerdydd, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog gyhoeddi copi o'r cylch gorchwyl sy'n disgrifio'r gwaith y bydd y grwp yn ei gyflawni. (WAQ60084)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to the working group set up to consider the future of Cardiff Airport, will the First Minister publish a copy of the terms of reference detailing the work that the group will undertake. (WAQ60084)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at y gweithgor sydd wedi'i sefydlu i ystyried dyfodol Maes Awyr Caerdydd, pryd y mae'r Prif Weinidog yn disgwyl i'r grwp gwblhau ei waith. (WAQ60085)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to the working group set up to consider the future of Cardiff Airport, when does the First Minister expect the group to complete its work. (WAQ60085)

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The First Minister: I will announce details of the Cardiff Airport Task Force shortly.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu'r holl gostau sy'n gysylltiedig ag ail-frandio Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru yn Llywodraeth Cymru ar draws yr holl adrannau ac asiantaethau. (WAQ60087)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the First Minister outline all costs associated with the rebranding of the Welsh Assembly Government into the Welsh Government across all departments and agencies. (WAQ60087)

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The First Minister: The change of name to 'Welsh Government' was achieved at no additional cost. No money was allocated for this purpose

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn ei llythyr at yr Aelodau ar 29 Mawrth 2012, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu manylion y 'cynnydd' sydd wedi'i wneud ar yr Ardal Fenter arfaethedig ar gyfer Aberdaugleddau. (WAQ60078)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to her letter to Members of 29 March 2012, would the Minister provide details of the 'progress' that has been made on the proposed Milford Haven Enterprise Zone. (WAQ60078)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): My officials are working on proposals for the proposed Enterprise Zone.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau
To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn ei Ddatganiad Ysgrifenedig ar 7 Chwefror 2012, a wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi'r dyddiad y bydd yn ymgynghori ar y gofyniad statudol i bob athro sy'n cymhwyso gael hyfforddiant mewn llythrennedd a rhifedd. (WAQ60081)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to his Written Statement on 7 February 2012, will the Minister provide the date when he will consult on the statutory requirement for all qualifying teachers to be trained in literacy and numeracy. (WAQ60081)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): A consultation seeking views on introducing more detailed requirements for literacy and numeracy in initial teacher training courses in Wales is expected to be launched in the next few weeks.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn sgîl canlyniadau arolwg ATL a ryddhawyd ar 15 Mawrth 2012, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cymryd i wneud yn siwr fod pob awdurdod lleol yn cefnogi canllawiau Grwp Monitro'r Cytundeb Llwyth Gwaith. (WAQ60082)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Following the ATL survey results released on 15 March 2012, what steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that all local authorities uphold the Workload Agreement Monitoring Group guidance. (WAQ60082)

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Leighton Andrews: There is comprehensive statutory provision that addresses both teachers' workload and the roles of support staff. For example, the Education (Specified Work and Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2010 clarify the respective roles of teachers and support staff in schools and detail the circumstances under which certain kinds of staff may carry out 'specified work' related to teaching and learning. It is clear that support staff and teachers are not interchangeable. The headteacher must ensure that any support staff deployed in a school are fully capable of carrying out their role effectively.

If statutory requirements are not being met then there is an issue resolution process (IRP) available to resolve such matters.

Despite the Workload Agreement Monitoring Group (WAMG) being disbanded by the UK Government the Welsh Government has continued to make the IRP and supporting WAMG guidance materials available through its website. My officials have drawn the attention of local authorities to these materials and I expect all parties to consider the guidance and to follow the process in resolving any issues.

I expect all schools to fully implement all their statutory requirements. I have not been made aware of any specific examples where this is not the case.

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ60056, pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o'r costau y byddai Llywodraeth Cymru yn gyfrifol amdanynt petai gweinyddiaethau eraill y DU yn datblygu eu gwasanaethau'u hunain ac yn gofyn am iawndal yn sgîl bwriad Llywodraeth Cymru i dynnu Comisiwn Coedwigaeth Cymru oddi wrth Gomisiwn Coedwigaeth Prydain Fawr. A wnaiff hefyd ddarparu manylion y costau hynny. (WAQ60091)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to his answer to WAQ60056, what assessment has the Minister made of the costs for which the Welsh Government would be liable if other UK administrations

developed their own services and sought compensation following the Welsh Government's planned withdrawal of Forestry Commission Wales from Forestry Commission GB, and will he provide details of those costs. (WAQ60091)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 19 Ebrill 2012
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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): As I stated in my previous answer, our proposals do not create a need to dismantle the remainder of the Forestry Commission.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ60056, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod y cynllun busnes ar gyfer yr Un Corff Amgylcheddol yn cynnwys costau posibl taliadau gan Lywodraeth Cymru i weinyddiaethau eraill y DU, wrth i Gomisiwn Coedwigaeth Cymru dynnu allan o'r gwasanaethau sy'n cael eu rhannu ar hyn o bryd. (WAQ60092)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to his answer to WAQ60056, will the Minister confirm that the business plan for the Single Environment Body includes the potential costs of payments, from the Welsh Government to other UK administrations, as a consequence of Forestry Commission Wales withdrawing from currently shared services. (WAQ60092)

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John Griffiths: The business case included provision for transitional costs associated with change and withdrawal of services from FCGB.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty
To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi'r holl gostau a fu'n gysylltiedig â Phlas Glyndwr, Ffordd y Brenin, Caerdydd yn ystod blwyddyn galendr 2011. (WAQ60088)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister outline all costs associated with Plas Glyndwr, Kingsway, Cardiff in the calendar year of 2011. (WAQ60088)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 23 Ebrill 2012
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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): Total expenditure on Plas Glas, Glyndwr, Kingsway, Cardiff, in calendar year 2011 was £1,405,466. This sum comprised the usual costs of occupancy, including rent, rates, maintenance, electricity, gas, water and waste disposal, plus the cost of the Welsh Government's dilapidations liability on disposal of the leasehold interest.

Additionally the total cost of relocating staff from Plas Glyndwr to alternative Welsh Government premises was £1,326,932. This sum included the costs of refurbishing and refitting workspace at the receiving office, and all associated ICT and removals costs. In line with Welsh Government policies, excess fares are also payable to staff for up to three years if their journey from home to their new office is further than their previous home to office journey.

This disposal forms part of the Welsh Government's five-year Location Strategy and planned estate rationalisation programme. Disposal of Plas Gyndwr has delivered substantial net efficiency savings of over £1.3 million per annum and avoided a further 5-year lease term, which would have committed Welsh Government to expenditure of over £6 million in occupancy costs.

The Welsh Government continues to achieve significant savings by reducing both the size and cost of its estate. The Location Strategy has the potential to generate cumulative savings of around £18 million over its life, with annual recurrent cost in excess of £5.3 million from 2015 - equating to approximately 30% of our total building running costs.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Faint wnaeth Llywodraeth Cymru ei wario ar ddiodydd alcoholaidd ar gyfer digwyddiadau a derbyniadau yn ystod blwyddyn galendr 2011. (WAQ60089)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): How much has the Welsh Government spent on alcoholic beverages for events, functions and receptions in the calendar year of 2011. (WAQ60089)

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Jane Hutt: The Welsh Government does not maintain separate records on the purchase of alcoholic beverages for events, functions and receptions. This information could therefore only be provided at a disproportionate cost.

There are however strict guidelines that staff must adhere to in relation to the purchase of alcoholic drinks. These guidelines restrict the purchase of alcoholic drinks to exceptional circumstances. In such circumstances any expenditure must be modest and be authorised at the appropriate level.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Faint wnaeth Llywodraeth Cymru ei wario ar blanhigion a fflora eraill ar gyfer pob eiddo a swyddfa swyddogol yn ystod blwyddyn galendr 2011. (WAQ60090)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): How much did the Welsh Government spend on plants and other flora for all official offices and properties in the calendar year of 2011. (WAQ60090)

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Jane Hutt: The Welsh Government did not incur any expenditure on plants and other flora for offices and properties in 2011.

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

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pam nad yw Llywodraeth Cymru yn dilyn canllawiau'r Grwp Cenedlaethol ar Ddiogelwch Coed wrth reoli coed priffyrdd, gwaith sy'n cael ei wneud ar ei rhan gan Asiantaeth Cefnffyrdd De Cymru. (WAQ60086)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Why does the Welsh Government not follow the guidelines of the National Tree Safety Group in the management of highway trees undertaken on its behalf by the South Wales Trunk Road Agency. (WAQ60086)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 23 Ebrill 2012
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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The guidance produced by the National Tree Safety Group is designed to support the work of those involved in tree management in streets, parks, public open spaces, private estates, woodlands and gardens and is not primarily aimed at the management of trees along major public roads where different safety issues may arise. However, the principle of a balanced approach to the risks and benefits that trees offer described in the guidance may prove useful to the work of the South Wales Trunk Road Agency who will consider its contents over the coming months.