

# **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 3 March 2011**

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

**Brynle Williams (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline the schedule of works for the A55 in North Wales between 2011 and 2012. (WAQ57270)

***Answer issued on 03 March 2011***

The schedule is currently in preparation and when available I will send you a copy.

***To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services***

**Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales):** What is the total cost to the NHS of preparing to provide IVF treatment to replace that provided by the London Women's Clinic and will the Minister provide a breakdown of all costs including buildings, equipment and other associated costs. (WAQ57272)

***Answer issued on 03 March 2011***

I refer you to my answer to WAQ57221.

**Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What steps has the Welsh Assembly Government taken to increase the treatment capacity in Wales for people who are dependent on alcohol, and what is the current average waiting time for such treatment. (WAQ57273)

***Answer issued on 03 March 2011***

Since 2005-6, the Welsh Assembly Government has created an additional 7,535 substance misuse treatment places. Progress on specific alcohol initiatives can be found in my Annual Progress Report published in November 2010. Waiting times information is presented in 'Substance Misuse in Wales 2009-10' and the Statistical Article 'Substance Misuse in Wales – quarterly data', published in October 2010 and January 2011 respectively.

**Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Has any estimate been made of the percentage of people who are dependent on alcohol in Wales who are receiving treatment for their dependency (WAQ57274)

***Answer issued on 03 March 2011***

An estimate is not available. However information from the Welsh National Database for Substance Misuse shows that 8,475 people commenced treatment for alcohol dependency during 2009-10. This represented 56% of all treatments for substance misuse in 2009-10.

***To ask the Minister for Rural Affairs***

**Brynle Williams (North Wales):** What assessment has the Minister made of the risks that farmers who have extended their Tir Gofal agreements until 2013 will experience difficulty and/or be unable to enter the Targeted Element of Glastir. (WAQ57271)

***Answer issued on 03 March 2011***

Farms will be selected for the Targeted Element of Glastir based on their potential for environmental delivery. Tir Gofal agreement holders will be considered on merit for selection together with the wider farming community. The ending of financial commitment to transitional arrangements in December 2013 means there is likely to be additional funds for continued Targeted Element application windows in 2014 and beyond although of course this will also be dependent on the level of Axis 2 funding allocated in the next Rural Development Plan period.