

Written Assembly Questions for answer on 19 January 2006

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(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the Minister for Assembly Business

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What specific steps did the Minister take to promote the Welsh Language in 2005 within her area of responsibility. (WAQ45455)

To ask the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport

John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Assembly Government policy on promoting sport in Wales. (WAQ45430)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): Is it the policy of the Welsh Assembly Government that everyone on Wales should have good access to arts and music facilities across Wales. (WAQ45431)

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline discussions he has held concerning the 2006 FA Cup Final being played at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. (WAQ45432)

Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the uptake of sport by young people in Wales. (WAQ45433)

Carl Sergeant (Alyn and Deeside): Will the Minister make a statement on indoor bowling facilities in North Wales. (WAQ45434)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): How does the Minister assess the benefits arising from taxpayer funding of culture in Wales. (WAQ45435)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on community sporting facilities available to the disabled in Wales. (WAQ45436)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on how school sporting facilities are used for community sporting activities out of school hours. (WAQ45437)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What specific steps did the Minister take to promote the Welsh Language in 2005. (WAQ45452)

To ask the Minister for Economic Development and Transport

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What specific steps did the Minister take to promote the Welsh Language in 2005 within his area of responsibility. (WAQ45456)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide an update on progress with the Assembly Government's Red Dragon Project. (WAQ45474)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West): What action has been taken to relieve the traffic congestion on the A4067 approaching Junction 45 of the M4. (WAQ45476)

To ask the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm whether appropriate checks with the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and List 99 have been made with every employee of Welsh state schools. (WAQ45438)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm whether there have been any appointments made to Welsh schools which have involved people who have been convicted of sexual offences and, if this is the case, will the Minister provide full details. (WAQ45439)

Peter Black (South Wales West): How many registered sex offenders are working in Welsh schools having been cleared to do so by a Government Minister. (WAQ45440)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What arrangements apply in Wales to determine the suitability of people on the sex offenders register to work in Welsh schools. (WAQ45441)

Peter Black (South Wales West): Does the Welsh Assembly Government hold a separate register of sex offenders who are barred from working in Welsh schools from that held by the UK Department of Education. (WAQ45442)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): Is there a cut off point whereby a person is too old to apply for a student loan, if yes, at what age does the cut off point occur. (WAQ45447)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Is the Minister aware of any sex offenders working in schools in Wales. (WAQ45451)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What specific steps did the Minister take to

promote the Welsh Language in 2005 within her area of responsibility. (WAQ45457)

Janet Ryder (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on whether any person on the sex offenders' register is working in a school in Wales. (WAQ45475)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What role does the Minister have in determining which registered sex offenders go on List 99. (WAQ45478)

To ask the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What specific steps did the Minister take to promote the Welsh Language in 2005 within his area of responsibility. (WAQ45453)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): Between 1st January 2005 and 1st January 2006, how much more carbon dioxide was released into the environment than would have been the case were it not for the burial ban due to: (a) the transportation of fallen stock from farms to rendering plants/incinerators and (b) the incineration/rendering of fallen stock that would traditionally have been buried on farm. (WAQ45460)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What proportion of Welsh cattle farms are subject to 1 or 2 year testing for TB. (WAQ45461)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): When did the Wales TB Action Group recommend that a project manager be appointed to take forward measures to impose the BTb control process and when did the project manager take up the post. (WAQ45462)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): Under what circumstances will the Minister issue a licence to kill badgers as a BTb control resource. (WAQ45463)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What method of slaughter will be used to remove badgers in the event of a licence being issued as a BTb control measure. (WAQ45464)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What plans are there to introduce European Beavers into Wales. (WAQ45465)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What permissions would be required before European Beavers could be imported and released into Welsh rivers. (WAQ45466)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): How many wild boar farmers are there in

Wales. (WAQ45467)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): Under what circumstances can wild boar be hunted in Wales. (WAQ45468)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What permissions are needed to introduce wild boar into the Welsh countryside. (WAQ45469)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): Since the production of TAN 15 in July 2004, how many planning permissions have been granted where the Environment Agency objected because of 'a risk of flooding'. (WAQ45477)

To ask the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What specific steps did the Minister take to promote the Welsh Language in 2005 within her area of responsibility. (WAQ45459)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): Does the Minister intend to commission any reorganisation of Local Health Boards following the recent announcement of PCT (Primary Care Trust) reorganisation in England. (WAQ45417)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): Does the Minister expect to meet the target of no patient waiting more than 12 months by March 2006. (WAQ45418)

Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South): Would the Minister make a statement on Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAHMS) in North Wales. (WAQ45419)

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline the trend of the complaints received by the Welsh Assembly Government since 1999 concerning hospital cleanliness. (WAQ45421)

Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the drugs budget for the Welsh NHS. (WAQ45422)

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the equitable provision of treatment within the NHS in Wales. (WAQ45423)

Peter Black (South Wales West): When does the Minister expect to make a decision on the future of neurosurgery in Swansea. (WAQ45424)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the Assembly Government's plans to address the problem of assaults on health and social care workers in Wales. (WAQ45425)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the Assembly Government's plans to address health inequalities in Wales. (WAQ45426)

Carl Sergeant (Alyn and Deeside): Will the Minister make a statement on support for cancer patients in Alyn and Deeside. (WAQ45427)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): Would the Minister make a statement on how paramedics are used to aid overstretched A&E departments. (WAQ45428)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): How is the Welsh Assembly Government ensuring that NHS hospitals are able to offer their patients adequate treatments. (WAQ45429)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Pursuant to his answer to WAQ44522, will the Minister detail the percentage of staff that have been matched and assimilated as part of Agenda for Change, as at the end of December 2005. (WAQ45444)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Pursuant to his answer to WAQ44523, what progress has been made in assessing and identifying any gaps between funding and actual costs associated with the implementation of Agenda for Change. (WAQ45445)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on cancer rates in the Menai Straits area of North Wales in comparison with cancer rates in other areas. (WAQ45446)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): How many deaths have there been from Clostridium difficile in Wales and will the Minister make a statement. (WAQ45448)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): What measures and preparation is the Minister taking and implementing to deal with a potential outbreak of Clostridium difficile in Welsh hospitals. (WAQ45449)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): How many incidents of Clostridium difficile have been reported in Welsh hospitals in the last 6 years and will the Minister provide an annual breakdown. (WAQ45450)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What specific steps did the Minister take to promote the Welsh Language in 2005 within his area of responsibility. (WAQ45458)

Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): Will the Minister make a statement on any specific Ministerial targets he has set for delivering shorter waiting times for, and equity of access to, diagnostics across Wales. (WAQ45473)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): When does the Minister intend to publish the Welsh Assembly Government's strategy on epilepsy. (WAQ45479)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): How many deaths from Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) were recorded in Wales for each of the last 5 years. (WAQ45443)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What specific steps did the Minister take to promote the Welsh Language in 2005 within her area of responsibility. (WAQ45454)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): What programme or framework exists to address the Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) in Wales. (WAQ45470)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): Does the Welsh Assembly Government have any plans to introduce any programme or framework to address Volatile Substance Abuse. (WAQ45471)

Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales): Does any joint working on dealing with Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) take place between the Assembly Government and the Home Office and is any planned. (WAQ45472)