

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 9 Rhagfyr 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 9 December 2011

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at y buddsoddiad gwerth £3.5 miliwn i gefnogi gwelliannau i ffyrdd a gyhoeddodd y Gweinidog yn y pecyn ysgogiad economaidd diweddar, a wnaiff amlinellu'r prosiectau ffyrdd penodol a nodwyd er mwyn helpu Ardaloedd Menter, gan roi'r costau a'r amserlenni ar gyfer pob cynnig. (WAQ58446)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to the £3.5 million investment to support road enhancements announced by the Minister in the recent economic stimulus package, will she outline specific road projects that have been identified to assist Enterprise Zones, giving costs and timelines for each proposal. (WAQ58446)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): The Welsh Government is working with local stakeholders across the five preferred Enterprise Zone locations to identify what capital investment may be required on a Zone by Zone basis, including potential investment in road infrastructure.

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r ffigurau ar gyfer nifer y disgyblion, fesul cyfnod allweddol, ar gyfer pob awdurdod lleol dros y 5 mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ58445)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide figures for pupil numbers, by key stage, for each local authority for the past 5 years. (WAQ58445)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): The Schools Census data requested are provided in the spreadsheet attached.



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Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Beth oedd y cyfanswm a wariwyd ar Rhagori ym mhob un o'r 5 mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ58447)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What was the total amount spent on RAISE in each of the past 5 years. (WAQ58447)

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Leighton Andrews: The total RAISE budget for each year is given below.

Year	Total RAISE expenditure
2006-2007	£16,250,000
2007-2008	£16,250,000
2008-2009	£16,250,000
2009-2010	£6,290,000
2010-2011	£1,000,000

The budget for each year was fully spent. However, a condition of grant to local authorities was that money allocated in a financial year could be spent across the school year. Also, in each year we permitted some schools to roll on a small element of their grant allocation into the following school year.

The main RAISE programme came to an end in 2009-2010 and only funding towards Looked After Children remained in 2010-2011. We are still awaiting financial returns from some local authorities to confirm their expenditure in that year, but do not anticipate any significant underspend.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Fesul awdurdod addysg lleol yng Nghymru, beth oedd y cyfanswm a wariwyd ar Rhagori ym mhob un o'r 5 mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ58448)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): By Welsh local education authority, what was the total spent on RAISE in each of the past 5 years. (WAQ58448)

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Leighton Andrews: The RAISE allocations by Welsh local authority for the three main activity areas are shown below.

RAISE ALLOCATIONS TO SCHOOLS				
Local Authority	Allocation (£)			
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Ynys Mon	317,151	314,575	314,574	-
Gwynedd	212,969	214,168	214,168	1,039,590
Conwy	299,018	297,371	297,371	-
Denbighshire	188,955	188,322	188,322	-
Flintshire	307,232	307,012	307,012	-
Wrexham	375,736	374,958	378,630	-
Powys	176,675	174,890	174,890	-
Ceredigion	157,064	155,681	154,521	-
Pembrokeshire	360,693	359,752	359,751	-
Carmarthenshire	690,087	688,856	690,130	-
Swansea	1,574,393	1,576,311	1,576,312	1,145,700
Neath Port-Talbot	958,238	961,285	961,286	-
Bridgend	688,213	687,582	687,809	-
Vale of Glamorgan	190,868	191,680	191,680	-
Rhondda Cynon Taff	2,129,042	2,130,983	2,130,982	-
Merthyr Tydfil	611,711	607,967	599,539	-
Caerphilly	1,007,121	997,612	942,746	1,171,530

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Blaenau Gwent	683,431	686,568	686,568	-
Torfaen	444,924	401,645	360,685	-
Monmouthshire	130,803	112,622	122,622	-
Newport	986,710	978,391	973,079	-
Cardiff	2,167,779	2,193,084	2,186,791	1,143,169

RAISE ALLOCATIONS FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES				
Local Authority	Allocation (£)			
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Gwynedd	50,000	110,850	104,385	146,345
Swansea	50,000	118,500	122,329	158,027
Caerphilly	50,000	129,700	143,545	206,324
Torfaen	50,000	119,950	-	-
Cardiff	-	-	125,790	157,730

RAISE ALLOCATIONS FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN					
Local Authority	Allocation (£)				
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Ynys Mon	19,959	19,961	19,899	19,899	19,899
Gwynedd	30,351	30,348	30,387	30,387	30,387
Conwy	30,859	30,856	30,191	30,191	30,191
Denbighshire	28,025	28,023	28,203	28,203	28,203
Flintshire	39,987	39,987	39,432	39,432	39,432
Wrexham	39,850	39,860	40,398	40,398	40,398
Powys	25,641	25,654	25,661	25,661	25,661
Ceredigion	15,446	15,448	15,520	15,520	15,520
Pembrokeshire	35,745	35,746	35,643	35,643	35,643
Carmarthenshire	51,404	51,406	50,795	50,795	50,795
Swansea	81,422	81,424	80,925	80,925	80,925
Neath Port-Talbot	51,579	51,586	52,052	52,052	52,052
Bridgend	42,443	42,448	42,715	42,715	42,715
Vale of Glamorgan	35,367	35,368	35,551	35,551	35,551
Rhondda Cynon Taff	94,390	94,393	93,451	93,451	93,451
Merthyr Tydfil	28,030	28,028	28,363	28,363	28,363
Caerphilly	72,006	71,988	72,157	72,157	72,157
Blaenau Gwent	31,132	31,119	31,084	31,084	31,084
Torfaen	37,156	37,151	36,951	36,951	36,951
Monmouthshire	16,368	16,380	16,682	16,682	16,682
Newport	63,563	63,560	62,874	62,874	62,874
Cardiff	129,277	129,276	131,066	131,066	131,066

The budget for each year was fully spent. However, a condition of grant to local authorities was that money allocated in a financial year could be spent across the school year. Also, in each year we permitted some schools to roll on a small element of their grant allocation into the following school year. The 2006-2007 allocations for schools include a small element for the cost of audit by the Wales Audit Office.

The main RAISE programme came to an end in 2009-2010 and, in that year, funding for schools was distributed on a regional basis to the lead local authorities. Funding for Looked After Children (LAC)

continued to be provided to all individual authorities. We are awaiting financial returns from some local authorities to confirm their 2010 – 2011 LAC expenditure, but do not anticipate significant underspend.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Fesul etholaeth Cynulliad Cymru, a gyda'r wybodaeth yn cynnwys manylion lleoliad yr ysgolion sydd wedi derbyn y grant, beth oedd y cyfanswm a wariwyd ar Rhagori ym mhob un o'r 5 mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ58449)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): By Welsh Assembly constituency, and with the information detailed in terms of location of the schools in receipt of the grant, what was the total amount spent on RAISE in each of the past 5 years. (WAQ58449)

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Leighton Andrews: Details of RAISE expenditure by Welsh Assembly constituency is not readily available. I will write to you as soon as possible about this and a copy of my letter will be published on the Internet.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
See Information Further to Written Assembly Questions

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i sicrhau mynediad priodol ac amserol i driniaethau arbenigol trawsffiniol sydd ar gael i gleifion o Gymru. (WAQ58441)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What steps is the Minister taking to ensure appropriate and timely access to cross border specialist treatment available to Welsh patients. (WAQ58441)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): Health Boards are responsible for securing routine specialist services for their residents and, acting through the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC), for securing highly specialised services. I would expect Health Boards or WHSSC to ensure patients are referred to the most appropriate service in a timely way within Wales or across the border.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o berfformiad y GIG yng Nghymru a'i gyllid wrth gymharu ag ardaloedd eraill o'r DU ac Ewrop. (WAQ58442)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What assessment has the Minister made of the performance of the NHS in Wales and its funding in comparison to other areas of the UK and Europe. (WAQ58442)

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Lesley Griffiths: There are some high level comparisons of NHS Wales performance with England (for example Referral to Treatment, cancer, stroke). However, as the two countries' policies are different, there is no direct comparison which can be made on a like for like basis.

Funding comparisons between nations, even within the UK, are generally misleading because they do not take sufficient account of differences in needs, policies and systems. The Welsh Government takes into account the needs of Welsh citizens when setting its budget.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i ymgysylltu gwarchodwyr plant â'r rhaglen ehangu Dechrau'n Deg. (WAQ58443)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What steps is the Minister taking to engage childminders in the expanded Flying Start programme. (WAQ58443)

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The Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services (Gwenda Thomas): Flying Start is based on international evidence of what works to improve outcomes for children, particularly those living in disadvantaged circumstances. One of the core entitlements the programme provides is free quality, part-time childcare for 2 year olds. The Welsh Government has a mixed economy approach to the provision of good quality childcare and a range of providers are able to offer Flying Start, as long as they meet the criteria set by the guidance. These providers include the maintained sector and private and voluntary nurseries, playgroups and childminders.

The expansion of Flying Start is an ambitious commitment and Welsh Government officials will work closely with local government, and other stakeholders, to develop plans that ensure the right services are delivered from the right settings in a manner appropriate for each child. Childminders have played a vital role in the delivery of the programme to date, particularly in those circumstances where attendance at a larger childcare setting would not be appropriate. However, local authorities will ultimately have discretion over which providers they choose to contract with in delivering the childcare entitlement of the expanded programme.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Beth mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei wneud i gefnogi pobl sydd â chlefyd rhwystrol cronig yr ysgyfaint ac i helpu i gael diagnosis yn gynnar. (WAQ58444)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What is the Welsh Government doing to support people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and to help early diagnosis. (WAQ58444)

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Lesley Griffiths: Our Service Development and Commissioning Directives for Respiratory Conditions sets out a clear direction for improving respiratory services, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

We have been monitoring Health Board's compliance with the Directives to ensure patients have access to good quality care including early diagnosis and the prompt initiation of treatment. A new oxygen contract will be put in place by June 2012 and we are working with Health Boards to ensure more equitable provision of pulmonary rehabilitation throughout Wales.