

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 2 Chwefror 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 2 February 2012

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn ei lythyr FM-/05810/11, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau cyfanswm y gost i Lywodraeth Cymru yn sgil cyflogi'r 9.5 o swyddogion undeb amser llawn i) yn y flwyddyn ariannol bresennol, a ii) pob swyddog undeb o'r fath ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd blaenorol. (WAQ59660)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to his letter FM-/05810/11, will the First Minister confirm the total cost to the Welsh Government of employing the 9.5 full time union officials i) in the current financial year, and ii) all such union officials in each of the previous three year. (WAQ59660)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): The costs to the Welsh Government of employing 9.5 full-time union officials during the periods specified are as follows:

2008/2009	£421,207.46			
2009/2010	£445,638.83			
2010/2011	£437,670.72			
2011/2012	£403,860.31	year to 31 January 2012		

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog egluro pam nad yw'r brîd gwartheg duon Cymreig brodorol yn dal heb ei gynnwys ar restr y bridiau cymeradwy o dan elfen Cymru gyfan Glastir. (WAQ59655)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister explain why the native Welsh Black cattle breed remains absent from the list of approved breeds under the All-Wales element of Glastir. (WAQ59655)

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): To meet the eligibility criteria for option 37 of the All Wales Element (AWE) of Glastir, cattle breeds must be recognised by the Member State in accordance with Community zootechnical legislation and the number of breeding females must be below the threshold set by Annex IV of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1974/2006 i.e. 7,500 breeding cows available for pure-bred reproduction (and registered with an approved breeding organisation). Any number above this results in the breed being deemed to be not at risk. Welsh Blacks are recognised as a breed on the zootechnical list but the last authoritative estimate of numbers by the Farm Animal Genetics Resources (FAnGR) National Standing Committee shows that there are 9,412 Welsh Black breeding females available for pure-bred reproduction. This estimate was derived from data and information provided to FAnGR by the Welsh Black Cattle Society. Welsh Blacks are therefore currently ineligible for inclusion under the Glastir scheme.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am gynlluniau presennol Llywodraeth Cymru i gefnogi treulio anaerobig ar ffermydd. (WAQ59657)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's current plans to support on-farm anaerobic digestion. (WAQ59657)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): Advice and support is provided through Farming Connect via its fully funded knowledge transfer programme, and 80% funding is available to eligible farmers for one-to-one business support and training.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i sicrhau'r gwerth gorau i drethdalwyr yn sgil gwaredu'r safleoedd technium. (WAQ59667)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What action is the Minister taking to ensure best value for the taxpayer from the disposal of technium sites. (WAQ59667)

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Edwina Hart: I am considering various options for each Technium to ensure best value for the taxpayer and any consequent disposals will be conducted in line with established best practice.

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Yn ôl pob awdurdod lleol yng Nghymru ac ym mhob un o'r 5 mlynedd diwethaf, sawl digwyddiad o drais gan ddisgyblion yn erbyn staff a gofnodwyd ac, o'r digwyddiadau hynny, faint oedd yn cynnwys defnyddio cyllell, a faint oedd yn cynnwys defnyddio unrhyw arf arall. (WAQ59662)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): By Welsh local authority and in each of the past 5 years, how many incidents of violence towards staff from pupils were recorded and, of those incidents, how many involved the use of a knife, and how many involved the use of any other weapon. (WAQ59662)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): An assault on a member of staff is recorded by the Welsh Government only if it leads to an exclusion from the school (either a permanent or a fixed term exclusion). We do not collect information on whether any weapon was used in the assault. The number of exclusions due to assault or violence against staff is shown in the table below.

Permanent and fixed-term exclusions due to assault or violence towards staff (a) (b)

Local Authority	<i>Number of exclusions</i>				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Isle of Anglesey	*	7	20	6	*
Gwynedd	*	10	17	14	19
Conwy	23	23	15	24	28
Denbighshire	51	29	35	61	52
Flintshire	34	39	55	44	48
Wrexham	40	32	35	91	35
Powys	28	28	19	49	45
Ceredigion	8	9	11	7	10
Pembrokeshire	42	56	46	32	26
Carmarthenshire	20	40	56	9	10
Swansea	56	43	69	62	104
Neath Port Talbot	58	36	49	73	90
Bridgend	46	26	34	19	28
The Vale of Glamorgan	22	30	39	21	23
Rhondda Cynon Taf	51	40	41	64	99
Merthyr Tydfil	8	7	6	15	*
Caerphilly	115	173	83	135	120
Blaenau Gwent	9	9	16	11	21
Torfaen	52	49	62	58	71
Monmouthshire	51	52	71	72	68
Newport	82	34	76	112	102
Cardiff	199	141	177	207	226
Wales	1,000	913	1,032	1,186	1,234

Source: Exclusions monitoring return

(a) Data relate to the number of permanent and fixed term exclusions due to assault or violence towards staff, not the number of pupils being excluded for these reasons. A pupil being excluded for assault or violence towards staff twice during an academic year will be counted twice.

(b) Includes exclusions from maintained primary and secondary schools as well as special schools and Pupil Referral Units.

* means that the data item is disclosive. This symbol is used to cover numbers between 1 and 4 to prevent the disclosure of sensitive information. In the event that the covered data items could be identified by subtraction from the Wales total at least one extra data item is covered to prevent this from happening.

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 WAQ58440, ar hyn o bryd pa bryd y mae'n disgwyl y bydd yr adroddiad ar gael i'r cyhoedd. (WAQ59656)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to his answer to WAQ58440, on what date is the report currently scheduled to be made publically available. (WAQ59656)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 01 Chwefror 2012

Answer received for publication on 01 February 2012

The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): I announced on 7 December 2011 that I have received from the Chief Scientific Adviser the report on the findings of the

independent science review. I will announce the way forward in early 2012 when the report will be made public.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am gynlluniau presennol Llywodraeth Cymru i wella'r gefnogaeth ar gyfer treulio anaerobig ar ffermydd yn y system gynllunio. (WAQ59658)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's current plans to improve support for on-farm anaerobic digestion in the planning system. (WAQ59658)

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John Griffiths: The Welsh Government has consulted on amendments to Part 6 Class A (Agricultural Buildings) of Schedule 2 to the General Permitted Development Order (1995) to facilitate on-farm anaerobic digestion systems.

My officials are working on a Statutory Instrument to provide new permitted development rights for anaerobic digestion systems.

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

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Faint o gyfarfodydd dwyochrog y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cynnal gyda Llywodraeth y DU ynghylch diwygio fformiwla Barnett ac ynghylch pwerau benthyca i'r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol a faint mae'n bwriadu eu cynnal dros y chwe mis nesaf. (WAQ59661)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): How many bilateral meetings has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government on the issue of reform of the Barnett formula and on the issue of borrowing powers for the National Assembly and how many does she plan to have in the next six months. (WAQ59661)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 02 Chwefror 2012
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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): I have regular meetings with UK Government Ministers. I take every opportunity to press for a fairer funding deal for Wales and for access to our borrowing powers. In addition, a series of talks between Welsh Government and Treasury officials is underway in which our case for funding reform is being considered. Those talks are making steady progress.

In the coming months, I will emphasise to UK Government Ministers the vital need to ensure the financial reform agenda moves forward on a basis of joint agreement, while also highlighting the cross-party consensus that exists in Wales on the case for change.

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Yn ôl pob bwrdd iechyd lleol, beth oedd y cyfanswm a wariwyd ar blanhigion ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ59665)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): By local health board, what was the total spent on plants in each of the past 5 years. (WAQ59665)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 31 Ionawr 2012
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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): This information is not held centrally.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Yn ôl pob bwrdd iechyd lleol, beth oedd y cyfanswm a wariwyd ar arddio ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ59664)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): By local health board, what was the total spent on gardening in each of the past 5 years. (WAQ59664)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 31 Ionawr 2012
Answer received for publication on 31 January 2012

Lesley Griffiths: This information is not held centrally.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Yn ôl pob bwrdd iechyd lleol, beth oedd y cyfanswm a wariwyd ar waredu sbwriel sigarêts ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ59663)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): By local health board, what was the total spent on the disposal of cigarette litter in each of the past 5 years. (WAQ59663)

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Lesley Griffiths: This information is not held centrally.

Gofyn i Gomisiwn y Cynulliad *To ask the Assembly Commission*

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Faint o swyddogion undebau llafur amser llawn neu gyfwerth ag amser llawn y mae Comisiwn y Cynulliad wedi'u cyflogi ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf a beth oedd cyfanswm costau hynny. (WAQ59659)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): How many full time or full time equivalent trade union officials has the Assembly Commission employed in each of the last five years and what were the total costs involved. (WAQ59659)

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Assembly Commissioner (Peter Black): The Assembly Commission employs one full-time equivalent trade union representative who provides a liaison role for the Assembly's three recognised trade unions (FDA, PCS and Prospect) and their members. This is part of the Commission's approach to supporting effective and positive working relationships across the Assembly workforce. The cost is in the order of £30k per annum, including the national insurance and pension contributions we pay as employer.

Other Assembly employees are allowed facility time to undertake trade union related activities, as recognised under our Partnership Framework with the trade unions.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Faint o gyfrifiaduron llecheni iPad1 ac iPad 2 y mae Comisiwn y Cynulliad wedi'u prynu, gan nodi i) cyfanswm y costau prynu a chostau'r contractau, a ii) dyddiad prynu pob un. (WAQ59666)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): How many iPad 1 and iPad 2 tablet computers has the Assembly Commission purchased, identifying i) the total purchase and contracts costs, and ii) the date on which each purchase was made. (WAQ59666)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 02 Chwefror 2012
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Peter Black: The Assembly Commission has one iPad 2. It was purchased on 26 August 2011 at a cost of £399. It is the base 16Gb Wi-fi model, and there are no on-going contract costs. The device is a shared resource used by the Assembly's ICT and Communications departments. The device is used for testing purposes, but its main function is as part of a lightweight autocue system which is used when filming Assembly Members and staff for Assembly information videos, which are distributed to the public via Senedd.tv and other web channels such as You Tube.