Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 31 Hydref 2013 Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 31 October 2013

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru To ask the First Minister

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog rannu adroddiad y Coleg Brenhinol Pediatreg ac Iechyd Plant ar ofal newyddenedigol yng Ngogledd Cymru a sicrhau ei fod ar gael i'r cyhoedd? (WAQ65755)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the First Minister share the report of the Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health on neonatal care in North Wales and makes this publicly available? (WAQ65755)

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddatganiad am ddyfodol gwasanaethau newyddenedigol yng Ngogledd Cymru? (WAQ65756)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the First Minister make a statement on the future of neonatal services in North Wales? (WAQ65756)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

First Minister: On 28 March I made a statement to AMs announcing my intention to seek independent advice on whether there is an alternative model to maintain all levels of neonatal services within North Wales in the longer term.

I commissioned the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health to conduct the review and they reported their findings to me at the end of September. I am considering the report and will make a statement shortly.

Gofyn i Weinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gyngor gan Swyddfa'r Comisiynydd Gwybodaeth y mae'r Gweinidog yn ei ystyried wrth beidio â datgelu gwybodaeth am resymau masnachol sensitif, gan gofio bod peidio â datgelu yn mynd yn hollol groes i gyfraith achosion Swyddfa'r Comisiynydd Gwybodaeth? (WAQ65762)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What advice from the Information Commissioner's Office does the Minister consider when non-disclosing information for commercially sensitive reasons, given that the failure to disclose directly contradicts case law from the Information Commissioners Office? (WAQ65762)

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatgelu unrhyw ganllawiau y mae hi wedi gofyn amdanynt neu wedi'u cael gan Swyddfa'r Comisiynydd Gwybodaeth ynghylch ystyried datgelu gwybodaeth? (WAQ65763)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister disclose any guidance she has requested or received from the Information Commissioner's Office regarding giving consideration to the disclosure of information? (WAQ65763)

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Sawl gwaith yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf y mae'r Gweinidog wedi methu ag ateb a) cwestiynau ysgrifenedig a b) cwestiynau llafar, gan honni nad oedd modd datgelu, a hynny am resymau masnachol sensitif? (WAQ65764)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): On how many occasions in the last 12 months has the Minister failed to provide an answer to a) written questions and b) oral questions, due to claiming non-disclosure under commercially sensitive reasons? (WAQ65764)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 30 Hydref 2013 Answer received for publication on 30 October 2013

The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): All questions are published and are available on the website.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ffactorau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu hystyried wrth ddewis peidio â datgelu gwybodaeth am resymau masnachol sensitif? (WAQ65765)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What factors does the Minister take into account when choosing not to disclose information for commercially sensitive reasons? (WAQ65765)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 30 Hydref 2013 Answer received for publication on 30 October 2013

Edwina Hart: I take into account commercially sensitive matters that must remain confidential.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A fydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn asesu effaith newidiadau i gymorth ar gyfer gweithredwyr bysiau o system sy'n seiliedig ar ddefnyddio tanwydd i un sy'n seiliedig ar filltiroedd? (WAQ65776)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Welsh Government be undertaking an impact assessment of changes to support for bus operators from a system based on fuel consumption, to one based on mileage? (WAQ65776)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 30 Hydref 2013 Answer received for publication on 30 October 2013

Edwina Hart: All aspects of support to bus operators are currently being assessed.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dadansoddiad o wariant Llywodraeth Cymru ar hysbysebu gwasanaeth T9, Bws Gwennol y Maes Awyr, gan gynnwys cyfanswm y gwariant hyd yn hyn? (WAQ65777)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of Welsh Government spending on advertising the T9 Airport Shuttle Bus, including total spending to date? (WAQ65777)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 30 Hydref 2013 Answer received for publication on 30 October 2013

Edwina Hart: The Welsh Government has spent £77,000 to date advertising the Cardiff Airport Express bus service.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa ganllawiau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u rhoi i weithredwr gwasanaeth T9, Bws Gwennol y Maes Awyr, yng nghyswllt teithwyr rheolaidd? (WAQ65778)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What guidance has the Welsh Government issued to the operator of the T9 airport shuttle service in relation to regular passengers? (WAQ65778)

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Edwina Hart: The Welsh Government did not commission this service.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A yw'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu asesu effaith colli llwybrau bysiau gwledig ym Mro Morgannwg? (WAQ65779)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Does the Minister plan to undertake an impact assessment of the loss of rural bus routes in the Vale of Glamorgan? (WAQ65779)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 30 Hydref 2013 Answer received for publication on 30 October 2013

Edwina Hart: I refer you to my statement of 9 October during the short debate "Rural bus services – on the road to nowhere".

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi enwau'r aelodau sy'n rhan o'r grwp gweithredu y cyfeiriwyd ato yn ei datganiad ar 22/10/13 (System Drafnidiaeth Integredig De-ddwyrain Cymru) gan gynnwys: a) y dyddiadau y bu i'r aelodau gael eu gwahodd ac y bu iddynt dderbyn ei gwahoddiad; a b) manylion unrhyw gyflog/cydnabyddiaeth ariannol/treuliau a all gael eu talu/a fydd yn cael eu talu? (WAQ65782)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide the names of the members who are part of the implementation group referred to in her statement on 22/10/13 (South East Wales Integrated Transport System) including: a) the dates that members were invited and accepted her invitation; and b) the details of any pay/remuneration/expenses which can/will be paid? (WAQ65782)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 30 Hydref 2013 Answer received for publication on 30 October 2013

Edwina Hart: This is currently an internal implementation group.

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

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Beth yw'r gofynion mynediad ar gyfer Twf Swyddi Cymru; a wrthodir mynediad i unrhyw bobl ar sail heblaw oed, ac os felly ar ba sail y gwneir hynny? (WAQ65783)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What are the entry requirements for Jobs Growth Wales, are any people refused entry on grounds other than age and if so what are they? (WAQ65783)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 1 Tachwedd 2013

Answer received for publication on 1 November 2013

The Deputy Minister for Skills & Technology (Ken Skates): The eligibility criteria for a Jobs Growth Wales participant is outlined below:

- A young person must not be of compulsory school age
- A young person must not be in full time school, higher education or college
- A young person must be ordinarily a resident in Wales
- A young person must not be under a contract of employment of over 16 hours per week
- A young person must be aged 16 24 at the point of commencing the Jobs Growth Wales job opportunity
- A young person must not be an ineligible overseas national
- A young person must not be in custody or remand
- A young person must not be in receipt of an Assembly Learning Grant or Education Maintenance Allowance
- A young person must not have been referred to or participating in the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Work Programme or Work Choice Programme
- A young person must not be undertaking any other Welsh Government work based learning programme at point of commencing a Jobs Growth Wales job
- A young person must not be currently employed in a Jobs Growth Wales job opportunity
- A young person must comply with all of the above criteria to be eligible for a Jobs Growth Wales job opportunity.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid To ask the Minister for Finance

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatgelu cyfanswm gwariant y gwaith diweddar o adnewyddu ail a phumed llawr Ty Hywel ar osodiadau a ffitiadau, e.e. carpedi? (WAQ65767)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister disclose total expenditure on the recent refurbishment of the 2nd and 5th floors of Ty Hywel on fixtures and fittings, e.g carpets? (WAQ65767)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 November 2013

The Minister for Finance (Jane Hutt): Total expenditure on fixtures and fittings was £117,832 (excluding fees and VAT). There is no set definition of what constitutes 'fixtures and fittings' and the figure provided includes the cost of carpets, other floor coverings, curtains and blinds.

Welsh Government's office accommodation at Ty Hywel has been refurbished for the first time in 14 years, bringing it up to standard, and including remedial work to repair damage caused by water ingress. This work was overdue, and necessary to improve both the functionality and performance of the offices, and deal with additional requirements. This Government is achieving substantial savings from its estate overall. As a result of implementing our Location Strategy for 2010-15, we have significantly reduced the number of offices we operate from and are on course to deliver savings of £18m over the period we expect additional annual savings of approximately £5m from 2015.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatgelu cyfanswm gwariant y gwaith diweddar o adnewyddu ail a phumed llawr Ty Hywel ar unrhyw gyfarpar TG newydd? (WAQ65768)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister disclose total expenditure on the recent refurbishment of the 2nd and 5th floors of Ty Hywel on any new IT equipment? (WAQ65768)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 November 2013

Jane Hutt: Total expenditure on new ICT equipment was £111,823 (excluding VAT). The figure includes the cost of printers, monitors, network computers, notebooks, telephone handsets and wireless keyboards.

Welsh Government's office accommodation at Ty Hywel has been refurbished for the first time in 14 years, bringing it up to standard, and including remedial work to repair damage caused by water ingress. This work was overdue, and necessary to improve both the functionality and performance of the offices, and deal with additional requirements. This Government is achieving substantial savings from its estate overall. As a result of implementing our Location Strategy for 2010-15, we have significantly reduced the number of offices we operate from and are on course to deliver savings of £18m over the period we expect additional annual savings of approximately £5m from 2015.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatgelu cyfanswm gwariant y gwaith diweddar o adnewyddu ail a phumed llawr Ty Hywel ar ddodrefn newydd ar gyfer y swyddfa, gan gynnwys ffigurau ar wahân ar gyfer cadeiriau, desgiau a byrddau eraill? (WAQ65769)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister disclose total expenditure on the recent refurbishment of the 2nd and 5th floors of Ty Hywel on new office furniture, including separate figures for chairs, desks, and other tables? (WAQ65769)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 5 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 5 November 2013

Jane Hutt: Total expenditure on new office furniture was £616,010 (excluding VAT). This figure includes the cost of desks, chairs, tables, soft seating and storage. Separate figures for the items requested are provided in the table below:

Chairs – 387	£173,700
Desks – 182	£112,427
Tables – 34	£75,076

Welsh Government's office accommodation at Ty Hywel has been refurbished for the first time in 14 years, bringing it up to standard, and including remedial work to repair damage caused by water ingress. This work was overdue, and necessary to improve both the functionality and performance of the offices, and deal with additional requirements. This Government is achieving substantial savings from its estate overall. As a result of implementing our Location Strategy for 2010-15, we have significantly reduced the number of offices we operate from and are on course to deliver savings of £18m over the period. We expect additional annual savings of approximately £5m from 2015.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatgelu cyfanswm gwariant y gwaith diweddar o adnewyddu ail a phumed llawr Ty Hywel ar setiau teledu newydd, gan roi cyfanswm y setiau teledu a brynwyd? (WAQ65770)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister disclose total expenditure on the recent refurbishment of the 2nd and 5th floors of Ty Hywel on new televisions, giving the total number of televisions purchased? (WAQ65770)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 5 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 5 Novemberr 2013

Jane Hutt: Total expenditure on 88 new televisions was £ 46,598 (excluding fees and VAT).

Welsh Government's office accommodation at Ty Hywel has been refurbished for the first time in 14 years, bringing it up to standard, and including remedial work to repair damage caused by water ingress. This work was overdue, and necessary to improve both the functionality and performance of the offices, and deal with additional requirements. This Government is achieving substantial savings from its estate overall. As a result of implementing our Location Strategy for 2010-15, we have significantly reduced the number of offices we operate from and are on course to deliver savings of £18m over the period. We expect additional annual savings of approximately £5m from 2015.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn yr adroddiad 'No Turning Back' gan Adeiladu Arbenigrwydd yng Nghymru yn 2010 a'r argymhellion a gyflwynwyd ynddo, y gwnaethoch chi eu cymeradwyo yn 2011, a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am weithredu strategaeth gaffael gwaith adeiladu hollol gydweithredol? (WAQ65773)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Following the 'No Turning Back' report by Constructing Excellence in Wales (CEW) in 2010 which laid out a number of recommendations, which you endorsed in 2011, will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of a fully collaborative construction procurement strategy? (WAQ65773)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

Jane Hutt: I established the Construction Procurement Strategy Steering Group in 2011, an all-Wales collaboration between industry and public sector and in July 2013 welcomed publication of the construction procurement strategy that has been agreed and produced by the Group. It is available at: http://www.cewales.org.uk/about-us/publications/construction-procurement-task-group/

The Steering Group is now taking forward implementation of the strategy.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn y gwaith ymchwil diweddar "Improving the Visibility of Forward Work Programmes" a gynhyrchwyd gan Grwp Llywio'r Strategaeth Gaffael Gwaith Adeiladu, a yw'r Gweinidog wedi ymrwymo i ddatblygu rhaglen gyfalaf flynyddol Cymru-gyfan ar gyfer Awdurdodau Lleol? (WAQ65774)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Following the recent research "Improving the Visibility of Forward Work Programmes" produced via the Construction procurement Strategy Steering Group (CPSSG), is the Minister committed to producing an annual all-Wales LA capital programme? (WAQ65774)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

Jane Hutt: I have committed to continue the successful development of our Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan pipeline document. This includes all Welsh Government programmes and projects with a total scheme value in excess of £15m and Welsh Local Government schemes in excess of £2m. The next version will be published alongside the Final Budget in December.

The Improving the Visibility of Forward Work Programmes research whilst complimentary to the WIIP Pipelines is a distinctly separate piece of work.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn yr adroddiad 'No Turning Back' gan Adeiladu Arbenigrwydd yng Nghymru yn 2010 a'r argymhellion a gyflwynwyd ynddo, y gwnaethoch chi eu cymeradwyo yn 2011, pryd y mae'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu rhoi'r argymhellion hyn ar waith? (WAQ65775)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Following the 'No Turning Back' report by Constructing Excellence in Wales (CEW) in 2010 which laid out a number of recommendations, which you endorsed in 2011, when does the Minister intend to implement these recommendations? (WAQ65775)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

Jane Hutt: I established the Construction Procurement Strategy Steering Group in 2011, an all-Wales collaboration between industry and public sector. The Steering Group is progressing implementation of these recommendations. In July 2013, I welcomed publication of the construction procurement strategy produced by the Group (web link http://www.cewales.org.uk/about-us/publications/construction-procurement-task-group/).

This includes details of progress that has been achieved since publication of 'No Turning Back'.

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Sawl canllaw clinigol NICE a gyhoeddwyd nad ydynt wedi'u gweithredu'n llwyr ar draws pob Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol yng Nghymru? (WAQ37754)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): How many published NICE clinical guidelines have not been fully implemented across all Local Health Boards in Wales? (WAQ37754)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 5 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 5 Novemberr 2013

The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi, yn y 12 mis diwethaf, a) sawl canllaw clinigol NICE a drafodwyd gyda'r bwriad o'i weithredu, b) pa ganllawiau NICE oedd y rhain, ac c) dyddiadau'r trafodaethau? (WAQ65758)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister state, in the last 12 months, a) how many NICE clinical guidelines have been discussed with the view of implementation, b) which NICE guidelines were these, and c) the dates of discussion? (WAQ65758)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 5 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 5 Novemberr 2013 **Mark Drakeford:** NICE disseminate their guidelines directly to the NHS in Wales. The implementation of NICE clinical guidelines is the responsibility of Local Health Boards and Trusts. I expect Local Health Boards and Trusts to take full account of NICE Clinical Guidelines when planning and commissioning services, as they are developed based on the best available evidence.

Julie Morgan (Gogledd Caerdydd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog restru nifer yr Adolygiadau o Achosion Difrifol ym mhob awdurdod lleol yng Nghymru dros y 10 mlynedd diwethaf gan roi dadansoddiad ym mha flwyddyn y bu'r digwyddiadau hyn? (WAQ65771)

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister list the number of Serious Case Reviews in each local authority in Wales over the last 10 years with a breakdown of the years in which the incidents took place? (WAQ65771)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

The Deputy Minister for Social Services (Gwenda Thomas): The Welsh Government was notified by Local Safeguarding Children Boards of 102 Serious Case Reviews between January 2003 and December 2012. The table breaks information down by local authority area, but some local authorities have merged their Local Safeguarding Children Boards over this period. The Welsh Government does not keep a record of the years in which the incidents which lead to Serious Case Reviews took place.

Local Authority	Number of Serious Case	Number of Serious Case Reviews on-going	
	Reviews completed		
Anglesey	2		
Blaenau Gwent	2	1	
Bridgend	14		
Caerphilly	5		
Cardiff	4	2	
Carmarthenshire	1		
Ceredigion	5		
Conwy	2		
Conwy & Denbighshire	2		
Denbighshire	1		
Flintshire	5		
Flintshire & Wrexham	1	1	
Gwynedd	1		
Gwynedd & Anglesey	3	1	
Merthyr Tydfil	5		
Monmouthshire	2		
Neath Port Talbot	14		
Newport	5		
Pembrokeshire	5		
Powys	1		
Rhondda Cynon Taff	7	1	
Swansea	8		
Torfaen	3	3	
Vale of Glamorgan	3	1	
Wrexham	4		

New Child Practice Review arrangements were introduced in Wales on 1 January 2013, replacing Serious Case Reviews.

Julie Morgan (Gogledd Caerdydd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi ffigurau am nifer y plant a fu farw yng Nghymru dros y 10 mlynedd diwethaf a hwythau yng ngofal neu o dan oruchwyliaeth awdurdod lleol? (WAQ65772)

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister provide figures for the number of children who died in Wales whilst in the care of or under supervision of a local authority over the last 10 years? (WAQ65772)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

Gwenda Thomas: The table below provides the numbers of children who have died in local authority care in Wales between 2003-04 and 2012-13.

Year ending	Number of children deaths in local authority care in Wales			
31 March				
2003-04	3			
2004-05	3			
2005-06	4			
2006-07	2			
2007-08	4			
2008-09	5			
2009-10	2			
2010-11	3			
2011-12	6			
2012-13	7			

Source: Children looked after (SSDA903) data collection, Welsh Government.

The figures encompass all local authorities in Wales. A lower geographic disaggregation of the information would mean that the release of small numbers (which may be as low as 1), taken in conjunction with other information that could be reasonably supposed to be available, could potentially result in disclosing personal data.

You will wish to note that the figures include 6 deaths over the 10 years where the child was the subject of respite care. Such episodes would normally be excluded from the annual published statistics, which can be accessed here: https://statswales.wales.gov.uk/v/L74.

Respite care is the accommodation of children under an agreed series of short-term breaks and comprises a specific group of children who:

normally live at home and are not otherwise "looked after";

are provided with breaks away from home for short periods, normally going to the same carer or the same residential establishment; and

during the breaks, are voluntarily accommodated under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989.

The Welsh Government does not collect details on the cause of death. However, Local Safeguarding Children Safeguarding Boards are responsible for reviewing cases where a child has died and abuse or neglect of the child is known or suspected.

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu sawl llawdriniaeth yr amcangyfrifir y bydd yn cael ei gohirio o ganlyniad i bwysau'r gaeaf eleni? (WAQ65780)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister outline how many operations are estimated to be postponed due to winter pressures this year? (WAQ65780)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

Mark Drakeford: As I explained during Plenary on 23 October, it clearly not possible to provide a meaningful estimate of the sort sought, as winter pressures arising from adverse weather conditions are inherently unpredictable. Health Boards across Wales are responsible for the care of their resident populations and are expected to manage and review their own situations accordingly.

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Ar gyfer pob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf, a wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi sawl llawdriniaeth orthopedig a ganslwyd dros fisoedd y gaeaf yn rhanbarth bwrdd iechyd Hywel Dda? (WAQ65781)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): For each of the past five years, will the Minister provide the number of cancelled orthopaedic operations during the winter months in the Hywel Dda health board region? (WAQ65781)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

Mark Drakeford: The attached table shows the number of orthopaedic operations postponed in the Hywel Dda region in each of the last five years. The data covers the months of November – March (winter). The total number of cancellations has shown a decrease over the years.

Nov-March	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11*	2011/12*	2012/13*
Total					
Cancelled	645	843	520	376	299

Note * Due to data software issues data for Pembrokeshire is not available from 2010, this is being worked through as software is updated across the Health Board.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ddadansoddiad cost a budd a gynhaliwyd wrth gynhyrchu a dosbarthu'r llawlyfr "Clear and Easy: A handbook for making written information easy to read and understand for people with learning disabilities"? (WAQ65766)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What cost-benefit analysis was undertaken in the production and distribution of the handbook "Clear and Easy: A handbook for making written information easy to read and understand for people with learning disabilities"? (WAQ65766)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

Gwenda Thomas: The development of the Clear and Easy Handbook arose from a recommendation by the external Learning Disability Implementation Advisory Group that clear, up to date and accessible information should be made available on all relevant issues for people with a learning disability. They considered this was vital to give people a strong voice and real control over their lives; to empower them to make informed decisions, to exercise choice and to exercise their rights.

The handbook was one element of a project developed by a learning disability consortium to improve the availability of accessible information. Other elements were:

- an effective model for evaluating what is good, accessible information (Check It); and
- a web based directory of accessible heath information materials

The Clear and Easy Handbook has been made available free of charge across Wales to health boards, speech and language therapists, local authority staff including social services and equality and diversity officers, key voluntary organisations and Assembly Members.

Whilst no formal cost benefit analysis of the production and distribution of the handbook was undertaken, we consider this project represents good value for money. It puts accessible information in a Welsh context and has been produced in Welsh and English. It is a valuable tool for anyone who is or should be producing accessible information for people with a learning disability. It will help raise awareness of the need for accessible information and provide the necessary tools to carry out the work. The availability of Easy Read information will mean that service users are better informed about the help that is available to them, thereby empowering them to do more for themselves and to access a range of services before their needs escalate.

It enables service providers to meet the requirements of The Equality Act 2010 which places a duty on them to ensure that information is provided to disabled people in accessible formats. Easy Read is the format that makes information accessible to people with learning disabilities. The handbook also supports the aims of our Framework for Action on Independent Living which has the provision of accessible information and advice as one of its key priorities.

An evaluation of the project is presently being undertaken by Learning Disability Wales in the form of a survey.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi data a manylion y dadansoddiad prawfesur polisïau o safbwynt gwledig a gynhaliwyd wrth i Lywodraeth Cymru benderfynu ar setliadau ariannol awdurdodau lleol? (WAQ65760)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide the data and details of the rural proofing analysis undertaken in deciding the Welsh Government local authority financial settlements? (WAQ65760)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi 4 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 4 Novemberr 2013

The Minister for Local Government and Government Business (Lesley Griffiths): Local Authority settlements are determined using a funding formula designed to reflect needs across Wales. The formula utilises a wealth of different information on the demographic, physical, economic and social characteristics of each Local Authority. The additional need to spend on service provision in rural

Authorities is accounted for by incorporating measures of population dispersion and sparsity into the formula where appropriate.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyfoeth Naturiol a Bwyd To ask the Minister for Natural Resources and Food

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ryddhau gwybodaeth am nifer yr achosion misol o TB mewn buches o fewn yr Ardal Triniaeth Ddwys ac o fewn radiws 50 milltir i'r Ardal Triniaeth Ddwys ers cyflwyno'r rhaglen brechu moch daear? (WAQ65759)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister put into the public domain, the monthly number of herd breakdowns due to bovine TB within the Intensive Action Area (IAA) and a 50 mile radius of the IAA, since the initiation of the badger vaccination programme? (WAQ65759)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 30 Hydref 2013 Answer received for publication on 30 October 2013

The Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Alun Davies): To monitor the impact of the measures introduced within the IAA, the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) was commissioned to select comparison areas in Dyfed. The comparison areas contain herds that can provide a yardstick against which changes in the incidence of TB in the IAA can be assessed.

The first two reports on the differences between bovine TB indicators in herds in the IAA and herds in the comparison areas are available on the Intensive Action Area pages of the Welsh Government website. They cover the period up to April 2012, prior to any badger vaccination work. The third report is due to be published in the New Year.

Statistics on TB incidence across the whole of Wales are published on the Welsh Government's Statistics Wales website on a monthly basis.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gyfran o gyllideb y portffolio Cyfoeth Naturiol a Bwyd sydd wedi'i dyrannu ar gyfer mesurau gwariant ataliol? (WAQ65761)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What proportion of the Natural Resources and Food portfolio budget has been allocated to preventative spending measures? (WAQ65761)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 5 Tachwedd 2013 Answer received for publication on 5 November 2013

Alun Davies: The investments we are making to manage our natural resources now and in the longer term could all be defined as preventative spending measures. There are many examples within my portfolio where our investments are preventative in nature, not just in terms of preventing unnecessary future investments, but also preventative in terms of legislation or risk of infraction.