

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 29 Mawrth 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 29 March 2012

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Sawl gwaith y mae Gweinidogion Cymru wedi defnyddio trafndiaeth gyhoeddus ar gyfer ymweliadau swyddogol yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad. (WAQ60011)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): On how many occasions have Welsh Ministers taken public transport to official engagements during the Fourth Assembly. (WAQ60011)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): Ministers have undertaken 32 return and 10 single journeys on public transport to or from official engagements during the Fourth Assembly. All were train journeys.

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

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Sut y bydd Byrddau Ardaloedd Menter yn sicrhau atebolrwydd lleol. (WAQ59993)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): How will Enterprise Zone Boards ensure local accountability. (WAQ59993)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): I have empowered the interim chairs to advise upon appropriate governance arrangements that will maximise local discretion.

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Beth yw'r gymhareb ar gyfer aelodau o'r sector cyhoeddus ac aelodau o'r sector preifat ar fyrddau Ardaloedd Menter. (WAQ59994)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What is the ratio of members on the Enterprise Zone boards from the public and private sectors. (WAQ59994)

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Edwina Hart: The interim chairs of the Enterprise Zone will be advising me on the most appropriate governance arrangements for each Enterprise Zone.

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Sut y cafodd Cadeiryddion Byrddau Ardaloedd Menter eu dewis a sut y maent yn atebol i lywodraeth leol a phartneriaethau lleol. (WAQ59995)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): How were Enterprise Zone Board Chairs chosen and how are they accountable to local government and local partnerships. (WAQ59995)

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Beth yw cyfnod Cadeiryddion Byrddau Ardaloedd Menter yn eu swydd. (WAQ59996)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What is the period of office for Enterprise Zone Board Chairs. (WAQ59996)

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Edwina Hart: For each of the five initial zones I have put in place an interim Chair until June to keep up momentum. The Boards will utilise this time frame to advise on the most appropriate governance arrangements going forward. The individuals proposed have established working relationships with the Welsh Government. Two are chairs of Sector Panels; one is a Business Entrepreneurship Champion; one is the chair of the Economic Research Advisory Panel, and one is a Commissioner in Anglesey.

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gyngor oedd Trysorlys y DU wedi'i roi i awdurdodau lleol am y Lwfansau Cyfalaf Uwch mewn perthynas ag Ardaloedd Menter yng Nghymru a phryd y rhoddwyd y cyngor. (WAQ59997)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What advice did the UK Treasury give to local authorities about Enhanced Capital Allowance in relation to Enterprise Zones in Wales and when was the advice given. (WAQ59997)

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Edwina Hart: This question should be directed to HM Treasury.

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ganllawiau ysgrifenedig sydd wedi cael eu rhoi i awdurdodau lleol ar bob cam o'r gwaith o ddatblygu eu cynigion Ardal Fenter. (WAQ59998)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What written guidance has been given to local authorities at each stage of developing their Enterprise Zone proposals. (WAQ59998)

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Edwina Hart: Over the last six months, my officials have been advising individual Local Authorities and working with them on bespoke proposals to reflect the needs and opportunities of each proposed zone.

David Melding (Canol De Cymru): Beth y mae'r Gweinidog yn ei wneud i gynyddu'r cyfran o fusnesau Cymru sy'n gwneud llawer o ddefnydd o'r we. (WAQ60000)

David Melding (South Wales Central): What is the Minister doing to increase Wales' proportion of high-web businesses. (WAQ60000)

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Edwina Hart: Our Digital Wales Strategy recognises the importance of a thriving and competitive digital economy to economic performance. We have put in place a number of initiatives to enable and encourage

businesses to trade online. These include an e-Business programme that provides practical 1-2-1 support to SMEs. We also recently supported the launch of a campaign, in partnership with Google, to get Welsh business online.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu sut y mae rhaglen ariannu newydd Cronfa Datblygu Rhanbarthol Ewrop (ERDF) yr UE yn gallu cefnogi cyflawni 'Cynnal Cymru Fyw'. (WAQ60001)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline how the new EU European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding programme can support the delivery of 'Sustaining a Living Wales'. (WAQ60001)

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Edwina Hart: The Wales European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programmes for the period 2014 -2020 will be developed later this year.

In any case, the 'Sustaining a Living Wales' Green Paper is out for consultation until 31 May 2012 and the Government would not want to pre-judge the content of that document before our partners' views from across Wales have been heard.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau i) statws cyfredol contract monitro Glastir, ii) cyfanswm y tendr, a iii) nodi pa fesurau a/neu ganlyniadau sydd gael eu monitro. (WAQ60003)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm i) the current status of the Glastir monitoring contract, ii) the total tender amount, and iii) identify what measures and/or outcomes are to be monitored. (WAQ60003)

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): Glastir will be monitored through the Rural Development Plan Axis 2 monitoring and evaluation contract. This is currently progressing through the procurement process. Invitations to tender were issued in February 2012 and work under the contract is expected to begin in the Autumn.

To properly and confidently establish the social and environmental impact of the Axis 2 programme, a significant investment is required initially to capture reliable baseline data. The total amount set aside for the initial 2 year monitoring and evaluation contract is £5 million. This includes a 50% technical assistance grant from the European Commission.

The core deliverable measure of the contract is to satisfy the Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (CMEF) as required under European Commission regulation. The contract will also establish the impact that each scheme intervention has upon the social and natural capital of Wales. Indicators will include water, air and soil quality, biodiversity and socio-economic factors. Full details, including the procurement process and contract specification can be obtained from the Welsh Government's online procurement portal.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o'r costau sy'n gysylltiedig â sefydlu cronfa ddata yng Nghymru ar gyfer adnabod defaid yn electronig. (WAQ60010)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs associated with the establishment of a Welsh database for electronic sheep identification. (WAQ60010)

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Alun Davies: I announced on 7 March that Wales will develop an electronic reporting system for sheep incorporating a database. The significant investment being made will help the Welsh Government and the sheep sector in Wales meet its legal obligations in respect of Council Regulation 21/2004. Discussions involving the industry are underway to gather and agree the specific requirements for the system which initially involves assessing whether the already developed ScotEID system can be further developed to accommodate Wales' requirements. There is significant potential to integrate any new system along the supply chain and my officials are carrying out a feasibility study to fully assess those benefits together with further investigating the projected costs. I will make further statements later in 2012 once that work is complete.

Gofyn i Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy
To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Wrth ddatblygu ei Strategaeth ar gyfer Dileu TB mewn Gwartheg pa asesiad oedd Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wneud o'r costau sydd ynghlwm wrth unrhyw sialens gyfreithiol i'w pholisïau. (WAQ60004)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): During the development of its Bovine TB Eradication Strategy what assessment did the Welsh Government make of the costs associated with any legal challenge to its policies. (WAQ60004)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The costs of any potential legal challenge was not a factor considered as part of the assessment of the bovine TB Eradication Strategy.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau mai brechu moch daear oedd y dewis a oedd yn cael ei ffafrio, ar wahân, gan Brif Swyddog Milfeddygol Cymru a Phrif Gynghorydd Gwyddonol Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer lleihau'r achosion o TB buchol mewn bywyd gwyllt lle mewn TB ar ei waethaf. (WAQ60005)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm that badger vaccination was, separately, the Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales and the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Welsh Government's preferred option for reducing the incidence of bovine TB in wildlife in TB hotspots. (WAQ60005)

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John Griffiths: My Oral Statement to the Assembly's plenary session on the 20 of March stated Welsh Government policy on badger vaccination as part of our Strategic Framework for Bovine TB Eradication in Wales.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod y Panel Adolygu Arbenigol ar TB mewn Gwartheg yn cymeradwyo Strategaeth Dileu TB newydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn llawn. (WAQ60006)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm that the Bovine TB Expert Review Panel fully endorse the Welsh Government's new TB Eradication Strategy. (WAQ60006)

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John Griffiths: The role of the Science Review Panel was to provide an independent review of the existing scientific evidence for the eradication of bovine TB in Wales.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn datganiad y Gweinidog ar 20 Mawrth, a wnaiff roi manylion yr amodau y byddai'n rhaid eu bodloni er mwyn cyfiawnhau defnyddio difa yn Rhaglen Dileu TB Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ60007)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to the Minister's statement on 20th March, will he detail the conditions that would have to be met in order to justify the use of culling within the Welsh Government's TB Eradication Programme. (WAQ60007)

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John Griffiths: Section 21 of the Animal Health Act 1981 sets out a test to be satisfied for the destruction of wild animals in pursuing a programme such as the Welsh Government's TB Eradication programme.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ystyriaeth y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i rhoi i gyflwyno prisiad tiwbaidd ar gyfer gwartheg sydd i'w difa oherwydd TB mewn gwartheg yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad. (WAQ60008)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What consideration has the Minister given to the introduction of tubular valuation for cattle culled due to Bovine TB during the Fourth Assembly. (WAQ60008)

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John Griffiths: We have no current plans to introduce a tabular valuation system for valuing cattle culled due to bovine TB.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Sawl gwaith, ac ar ba ddyddiadau, y mae'r Gweinidog a/neu ei swyddogion wedi cwrdd â chynrychiolwyr o'r Ymddiriedolaeth Moch Daear yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad. (WAQ60009)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): On how many occasions, and on what dates, has the Minister and /or his officials met representatives from the Badger trust during the Fourth Assembly. (WAQ60009)

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John Griffiths: I met with representatives of the Badger Trust on 16 September 2011. My officials regularly meet with representatives of the Badger Trust and Badger Trust Cymru as part of the wider stakeholder engagement strategy for the TB Eradication Programme. My officials last met with them on 31 August 2011.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pa gyngor cyfreithiol mewnol ac allanol a gafodd Llywodraeth Cymru mewn perthynas â'i Strategaeth Dileu TB mewn Gwartheg a gyhoeddwyd ar 20 Mawrth 2012. (WAQ60012)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm what internal and external legal advice the Welsh Government received in relation to its Bovine TB Eradication Strategy announced on 20 March 2012. (WAQ60012)

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John Griffiths: The legal advice I received in relation to the bovine TB Eradication Strategy is subject to legal professional privilege.

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion cyfanswm y costau sy'n gysylltiedig â'r ceir a ddarparwyd i Aelodau Cabinet Llywodraeth Cymru ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd diwethaf, gan gynnwys costau prynu a chynnal a chadw. (WAQ60002)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister detail the total costs associated with the cars provided to Welsh Government Cabinet Members in each of the last three years, including purchase and maintenance costs. (WAQ60002)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): The annual cost of the Welsh Government official cars for the last three years is shown below. The figures comprise vehicle purchase, maintenance, fuel charges, insurance, road tax, and breakdown cover. Occasionally Welsh Government cars are not available and in these circumstances private hire cars may be used. The costs arising from these private hire vehicles are included in the figures below.

Year	Cost (£)
2009 - 2010	177,599
2010 - 2011	168,882
2011 - 2012	123,639*

* Final accounts for 2011-12 are not yet available. The figure shown is the current position.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth
To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage*

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Nawr bod tenantiaid Sir y Fflint wedi pleidleisio yn erbyn trosglwyddo stoc, pa ddewisiadau eraill sydd ar gael i'r Sir i gyllido ac i gyflawni Safon Ansawdd Tai Cymru. (WAQ59999)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Now that Flintshire's tenants have voted against stock transfer what alternative options exist for the County to fund and achieve the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS). (WAQ59999)

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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): In the light of the result of the ballot it will be the responsibility of Flintshire County Council to consider all the options available to them to ensure tenants in the County live in homes and communities that meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard. My officials will be meeting shortly with those of Flintshire County Council to discuss the way forward to achieve the Standard for tenants in Flintshire.

Where tenants of local authorities have voted to retain their housing stock, Welsh Government is working closely with these local authorities to assist them in maximising the use of their resources aimed at improving their properties towards the Welsh Housing Quality Standard.

The Welsh Government continues to support work towards achieving the standard in local authorities through the provision of Major Repairs Allowance ("MRA") which forms part of a local authority's overall housing capital resources. It may be used for any capital expenditure on Housing Revenue Account issues. Despite significant cuts to the capital budget, this budget has been protected for 2012-13.

The Welsh Government is also in discussions with the UK Government to seek a revised financial settlement to enable the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy system to be reformed in Wales.