

# **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 7 Hydref 2011**

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 7 October 2011**

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***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 roi manylion y costau gweinyddu sydd wedi bod ynghlwm wrth gynllun amaeth-amgylchedd Glastir ym mhob blwyddyn ers ei gyflwyno. (WAQ58085)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister detail the administration costs associated with the Glastir agri-environment scheme in each year since its introduction. (WAQ58085)

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**The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies):** The Glastir All-Wales Element and ACRES element become operational on 1 January 2012 and the Targeted Element from 1 January 2013. The estimated administration costs associated with the set-up of the Glastir scheme are:

2010

£2.5 million of which £1.0 million is part-funded under the Technical Assistance axis of the Wales Rural Development Plan

2011

The estimated costs are £2.9 million and £1.2 million respectively

The net costs are met from existing Welsh Government administration budgets. The EU funding has been approved by the European Commission.

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

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am effaith TAN6 a nifer y ceisiadau sydd wedi defnyddio TAN6 sydd wedi cael eu caniatáu. (WAQ58084)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of TAN6 and the number of applications using TAN6 which have been granted. (WAQ58084)

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**The Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths):** Technical Advice Note (TAN) 6 Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities requires local planning authorities to maintain a register of rural enterprise dwelling applications that have been granted or refused over the period 1 April to 31 March each year. Planning authorities are asked to submit this data to the Welsh Government annually. Data is currently being received for the first year, which runs from July 2010 to March 2011, due to the TAN 6 publication date.

Numbers of rural enterprise dwelling applications granted will be made available once all planning authority returns have been received and the results have been assessed.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y camau a gymerir i ddadansoddi effaith y nodyn cyngor technegol newydd. (WAQ58086)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what steps are taken to analyse the impact of the new technical advice note. (WAQ58086)

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**John Griffiths:** Technical Advice Note 6 Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities requires local planning authorities to maintain a register of rural enterprise dwellings granted or refused planning permission. Planning authorities are requested to submit this information annually to the Welsh Government for analysis. Planning authorities are also required to monitor the occupancy of rural enterprise dwellings to ensure compliance with occupancy conditions set out in TAN 6.

Two research projects are underway to prepare practice guides to support the implementation of TAN 6. Firstly, guidance to provide further technical support Rural Enterprise Dwelling Appraisals, and secondly guidance on how to submit and assess applications for One Planet Developments. Both guides will provide further details on monitoring requirements. They will be completed by the end of the year and will be accompanied by training or dissemination events.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau*  
*To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities*

**Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru):** Pa gasgliadau penodol a luniodd Ymgynghorwyr Atkins yn dilyn eu hasesiad annibynnol o adroddiad dichonoldeb Grip 3 Network Rail ynghylch y cyswllt rheilffordd arfaethedig rhwng Glynebwy a Chasnewydd a pha bynciau o'r adroddiad sydd nawr yn destun trafodaethau pellach gyda Network Rail. (WAQ58082)

**Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What specific conclusions did Atkins Consultants reach from their independent assessment of Network Rail's Grip 3 feasibility report concerning the proposed Ebbw Vale to Newport rail link and what topics from the report are now undergoing further discussion with Network Rail. (WAQ58082)

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**The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant):** The Atkins review concluded that the Network Rail Grip 3 report is robust. It did, however, identify 31 technical queries. These relate to items such as: signalling types and numbers, track re-instatement specification, cabling route work, axle counters, evaluator numbers, track drainage and telecoms. I am currently prioritising the objectives of the National Transport Plan to ensure existing transport funding is used effectively and the level of resources are enhanced. A rescheduled delivery plan will be published this Autumn. The next stages of the project to deliver passenger train services between Ebbw Vale and Newport will be considered as part of the National Transport Plan prioritisation, and the technical queries referred to will be considered at this time.

**Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru):** Beth oedd cost yr asesiad annibynnol o adroddiad dichonoldeb Grip 3 Network Rail ynghylch y cyswllt rheilffordd rhwng Glynebwy a Chasnewydd, a gynhaliwyd gan Atkins Consultants. (WAQ58083)

**Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What was the cost of the independent assessment concerning Network Rail's Grip 3 feasibility report into the Ebbw Vale to Newport rail link, undertaken by Atkins Consultants. (WAQ58083)

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**Carl Sargeant:** The cost of this report was just over £6200.

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

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A allai'r Comisiwn gyhoeddi dadansoddiad manwl mewn perthynas â char y Llywydd, gyda ffigurau ar gyfer costau llogi, milltiredd a chostau staffio; gan roi'r ffigurau ar gyfer y dair mlynedd ariannol lawn ddiwethaf a'r flwyddyn ariannol hon hyd yn hyn. (WAQ58087)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Could the Commission please publish a detailed breakdown in relation to the Presiding Officer's car, with figures for hire costs, mileage and staffing costs; giving figures for the last three full financial years and the current financial year to date. (WAQ58087)

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**Assembly Commissioner (Angela Burns):** The current official vehicle is the subject of a contract hire agreement which expires in October 2012. The lease term is for three years, costing £7,889.64 per annum. This includes servicing, maintenance and breakdown cover.

The last official vehicle was purchased outright. If the purchase cost is spread over the four and a half years that the last vehicle was owned by the Assembly, the result is about £8,800 per annum. Servicing and maintenance was additional to this. The sale of the car realised £6,300.

With regard to the cost of the official car provided for use by the Presiding Officer and the Deputy Presiding Officer, it is not possible to provide an actual cost associated with the driver of the vehicle.

During 2007 the driver's contract was changed and his duties now include support to the Deputy Presiding Officer and administrative work as a member Presiding Officers' private office. Consequently driving is now just one element of the post holder's duties. However I can advise that the pay scale appropriate to the grade of the post is currently between £17,410 and £20,483.

Details, per annum, are contained in the table below:

		Leases costs	Fuel and Maintenance	Mileage
2008/2009			6,182.63	10,000
Oct 2009 - March 2010		3944.82	3,013.09	8,513
2010/2011		7,889.64	2,425.54	5,868
April 2011 to September 2011		3944.82	1,660.35	8,624

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A allai'r Comisiwn ddarparu costau manwl Uned Heddlu'r Cynulliad ar gyfer y dair mlynedd ariannol ddiwethaf, gan gynnwys costau rhagamcanol ar gyfer y flwyddyn hon. (WAQ58088)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Could the Commission provide detailed costings for the Assembly Police Unit for the last three full financial years, including projected costs for the current year. (WAQ58088)

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**Angela Burns:** Detailed costs for the Assembly Policing Unit are listed in the tables attached. We do not have the broken down cost for 2008-09, additional work would be needed to produce that information if required. "Other" costs relate to the purchase of specialist equipment, travel and accommodation which vary month by month depending on the particular duties undertaken by officers. The increase in budget between 2008-09 and 2009-10 relates to the secondment of two additional full time Police Officers to provide weekend working arrangements. During this period a Police Sergeant also retired and was not immediately replaced which also impacts on the overall cost.

*Ar gyfer y tabl, gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad  
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