Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 22 February 2011

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To ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Brian Gibbons (Aberavon): Further to her answer to WAQ57123, will the Minister provide details of any planned Arbed investment in the Aberavon constituency. (WAQ57175)

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Under the current phase of arbed, Linc Cymru Housing Association is refurbishing a small number of properties within the Aberavon constituency. The properties in Croeserw and Glyncorrwg are cross tenure receiving measures such as solid wall insulation and solar hot water panels.

arbed Phase 2 will draw on ERDF funds to extend the programme over a period of 3-5 years, building on lessons learned during Phase 1. The business case for this extension is currently being developed with WEFO, and will be finalised during spring 2010.

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline what steps have been taken by the Welsh Assembly Government to improve access to services for patients suffering with sleep apnoea. (WAQ57172)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the level of provision for sufferers of sleep apnoea. (WAQ57173)

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The provision of sleep apnoea services are the responsibility of Local Health Boards who are expected to put in place arrangements for services for their local populations. The Welsh Assembly Government's Service Development and Commissioning Directives for Respiratory Conditions sets out a clear direction for improving respiratory services, including sleep apnoea. I have asked all LHBs to ensure full compliance with the Directives by the end of March 2011.

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with her officials and practitioners regarding the content of Mind Cymru's "Welsh Youth Consultation on Suicide and Help-Seeking Behaviours" in November 2010. (WAQ57174)

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I refer you to the answer I gave to you on 19 January.