

Written Assembly Questions for answer on 9th May 2006

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(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the First Minister

John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the First Minister make a statement on Wales' international links. (WAQ46726)

To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with UK government Ministers regarding the future of energy production in Wales. (WAQ46730)

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Assembly Government's policies on improving road safety in Wales. (WAQ46731)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on enterprise funding cutbacks in South Wales East. (WAQ46742)

John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on Economic Development in Newport East. (WAQ46743)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Penarth Headland Link. (WAQ46744)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What are the Welsh Assembly Government's priorities for improving passenger rail services in South Wales Central. (WAQ46745)

Rosemary Butler (Newport West): Will the Minister make a statement about the development of a station halt at Rogerstone in anticipation of the reopening of the Ebbw Vale Newport rail link. (WAQ46746)

John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on the further development of cycle routes in Newport east. (WAQ46747)

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): What action is the Welsh Assembly Government taking to support tourist information centres. (WAQ46748)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What action is the Welsh Assembly Government taking to encourage people to use public transport. (WAQ46749)

Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of Welsh Assembly Government's Transport policies in Alyn and Deeside. (WAQ46750)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Assembly Government response to the DTI's Energy Review consultation. (WAQ46751)

Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South): Will the Minister make an update statement on broadband coverage in Wales. (WAQ46752)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the development of tidal lagoons on the Welsh coastline. (WAQ46782)

Janet Davies (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on any new rules regarding match funding for European Structural Funding for 2007-13. (WAQ46783)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister provide an update on the M4 relief road project. (WAQ46784)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister detail the amount of public financial support provided to 'Cel Aeron'. (WAQ46795)

To ask the Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of education in Cardiff. (WAQ46729)

Alun Ffred Jones (Caernarfon): As part of the review of the Welsh for adults strategy, what plans are there for the provision of residential courses. (WAQ46785) W

Alun Ffred Jones (Caernarfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh for Adults strategy. (WAQ46786) W

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Does the Minister intend to make it

compulsory for schools to offer every 14-16 year old five days of enterprise education, as has been done in England. (WAQ46787)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Does the Minister intend to allocate money to every school in Wales to enable the teaching of enterprise skills as has been done in England. (WAQ46788)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What steps is the Welsh Assembly Government taking to promote music in Welsh schools. (WAQ46732) **W**

To ask the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside

Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside): What action is the Minister taking to tackle illegal off-roading in Wales. (WAQ46760)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): What assessment has the Minister made of the affect on the farming community of high fuel prices. (WAQ46761)

John Griffiths (Newport East): What action is being taken to tackle fly tipping in Wales. (WAQ46762)

John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Assembly Government is doing to tackle climate change. (WAQ46763)

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister update us on his policy of safeguarding areas of Mid and West Wales for potential aggregate extraction. (WAQ46764)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the environmental impact of Network Rail's GSM-R masts. (WAQ46765)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the implementation in Wales of measures under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act. (WAQ46766)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the performance of Welsh local authorities in meeting their recycling and waste targets. (WAQ46767)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): What statistics and information does the Assembly Government collect regarding planning applications on playing fields. (WAQ46778)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): What was the outcome of the Assembly's review, announced to the press in January 2004, into its planning policies regarding playing fields statistics. (WAQ46779)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): How many planning applications to build on playing fields were approved for each year since 1999. (WAQ46780)

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Further to your answer to WAQ 46248 regarding the required size of bass caught in Welsh waters; will the Minister state any benefits that have been identified to increase the landing size to 45cm, and what evidence has he considered. WAQ46792

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Further to your answer to WAQ 46248 regarding the required size of bass caught in Welsh waters; will the Minister detail what decisions have been made following the consultation exercise that ended on the 15th May, or will the Minister provide a date when decisions will be published. (WAQ46794)

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Further to your answer to WAQ 46248 regarding the required size of bass caught in Welsh waters; will the Minister detail if any further reviews of permitted Bass sizes caught in Welsh waters. (WAQ46793)

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Further to your answer to WAQ 46248 regarding the required size of bass caught in Welsh waters; what assessments has been made of the effectiveness of gill-netting as a method to catch fish at the permitted size when compared to other fishing methods. (WAQ46791)

To ask the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks regarding the financial implications of the transfer of responsibility of the Wales and Borders Rail Franchise to the Assembly. (WAQ46753)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What proposals does the Minister have to increase funding for Social Justice portfolio. (WAQ46754)

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the funding of Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies. (WAQ46755)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the Assembly's budget for the next three financial years on the overall budget provision

for the Local Government & Public Services portfolio. (WAQ46756)

Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside): Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget provision for the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks portfolio in 2006-07. (WAQ46757)

John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the Chancellor's recent budget on the Assembly finances. (WAQ46758)

Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside): What were the Minister's priorities when allocating overall funding to the Health and Social Services portfolio. (WAQ46759)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement about any consideration given to raising the break off point for local authority Council Tax. (WAQ46773)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister detail any progress made in providing £100 to each pensioner household moving up a second Council Tax band in 2006-07, and will she clarify how those pensioners can claim this support. (WAQ46777)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement about staffing in the Welsh NHS. (WAQ46728)

Brynle Williams (North Wales): Does the Minister have any plans to make it obligatory for Primary Care Trusts to provide free sexual health provisions for students unions across Wales. (WAQ46768)

Brynle Williams (North Wales): Does the Minister have any plans to increase the number of Genito-Urinary (GUM) clinics and staff in Wales. (WAQ46769)

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister detail the number of NHS dentists that did not sign up to the new dental contract, which began in April 2006, and will he detail the number of patients these dentists had on their lists. (WAQ46770)

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister detail the number of NHS dentists on Personal Dental Service pilots that did not sign up to the new dental contract, which began in April 2006, and will he detail the number of patients these dentists had on their lists. (WAQ46771)

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister state what duty is placed on Local Health Boards to establish any estate strategies and will he detail which Local Health Boards have yet to complete such strategies. (WAQ46772)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on (i) funding provided to Community Health Councils, and (ii) running costs of Community Health Councils. (WAQ46774)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on any proposal to strengthen the role of Community Health Councils as patients advocates. (WAQ46775)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the selection criteria for students wishing to study medicine in Wales. (WAQ46776)

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of NHS R&D budgets in Wales, following the Chancellor's recent statement on UK R&D budgets. (WAQ46781)

Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister outline how Local Health Boards and Trusts in Wales will be informed about the Department of Health NICE guidelines on Parkinson's disease in Wales. (WAQ46796)

Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister outline what criteria the Welsh Assembly Government uses for deciding on the implementation of NICE guidelines in Wales. (WAQ46797)

Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister outline which statutory bodies in Wales will analyse and comment on the NICE guidelines on Parkinson's disease when they are published by the Department of Health in July. (WAQ46798)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Assembly Government policies to combat incidents of arson in Wales. (WAQ46727)

Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on Communities First funding in the South Wales Valleys. (WAQ46733)

John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Assembly Government strategy to improve community safety in Wales. (WAQ46734)

John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of Welsh Assembly Government policies to tackle alcohol abuse in Wales. (WAQ46735)

Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside): Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of affordable housing in Wales. (WAQ46736)

Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of Welsh Credit Unions. (WAQ46737)

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the regulation of Registered Social Landlords. (WAQ46738)

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the post office development fund. (WAQ46739)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress towards the Welsh Assembly Government's fuel poverty targets. (WAQ46740)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the development of the implementation plan for the Welsh Assembly Government's Child Poverty Strategy. (WAQ46741)

Janet Ryder (North Wales): Has the Minister made any progress on the use of renewable energy measures in rural areas when tackling fuel poverty and will she say which bodies she has been speaking to. (WAQ46789)

Janet Ryder (North Wales): When will the Minister make a decision on the use of oil heating measures as part of the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme, which would have benefits for thousands of fuel poor homes in Wales not on the gas network. (WAQ46790)