Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 3 Mehefin 2013 Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 3 June 2013

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[R] yn nodi bod yr Aelod wedi datgan buddiant/signifies that the Member has declared an interest.[W] yn nodi bod y cwestiwn wedi'i gyflwyno yn Gymraeg/signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

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

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Yng nghyswllt y datganiad llafar ar 23 Ebrill 2013 lle y crybwyllodd y Gweinidog ei fod yn 'ystyried cefnogi'n bennaf adwerthwyr bach yng nghanol trefi', a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a) beth yw'r diffiniad o adwerthwr bach; b) pa bryd y bydd y gefnogaeth hon ar gael; ac c) beth fydd y gefnogaeth? (WAQ94801)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): In relation to the oral statement on 23rd April 2013 in which the Minister mentioned considering 'principally supporting small retailers in town centres', will the Minister confirm a) what is defined as a small retailer; b) when this support will be available; and c) what the support will be? (WAQ94801)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 12 Mehefin 2013 Answer received for publication on 12 June 2013

The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): In April 2013, I announced that I would consider a fund to support some businesses negatively affected by business rates revaluation between 2015 and 2017. The Business Rates Task and Finish Group have advised that small retailers could be the prioritised group in such a fund. We have sufficient time between now and the possible introduction of such a scheme to achieve maximum effectiveness by targeting this at the right areas, and I offered Members the opportunity to feed their ideas into that process.. I will be carefully considering this proposal for a fund and I will inform Members when I have taken a decision on the way forward.