

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 30 September 2009

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To ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire): What plans does the Minister have to amend permitted development regulations for domestic wind turbines. (WAQ54845)

Answer issued 01 October 2009

: I have already made changes permitted development rights to exclude certain forms of domestic micro-generation from requiring planning permission. However, unresolved noise and vibration issues associated with wind turbines and their potential impact on neighbours has precluded their inclusion in these changes, at this point in time.

When a workable solution is found, amendments to incorporate domestic scale wind turbines into the regulations will be progressed.

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister list the Welsh hospitals which are designated to treat military casualties. (WAQ54843)

Answer issued on 30 September 2009

There are no Welsh hospitals designated to treat military casualties.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What protocols are in place to support the treatment and rehabilitation of military casualties in the community. (WAQ54844)

Answer issued on 30 September 2009

Protocols are a clinical matter and the Welsh Assembly Government does not hold this information.

To ask the Minister for Rural Affairs

Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire): When will the Forestry Facts & Figures 2009 be published for the year ending 31 March 2009. (WAQ54846)

Answer issued on 30 September 2009

Forestry Facts & Figures for the year ending 31 March 2009 were published on the Forestry Commission website at www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infid-7aqdgc on the 24th September 2009. Paper copies of the Forestry Facts & Figures 2009 booklet will be available within the next two weeks.

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What are the projected costs of the current Boundary Commission review into Electoral Divisions in Wales. (WAQ54847)

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The all Wales review of electoral arrangements is one of the statutory duties of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales. The Commission is an Assembly Government Sponsored Body (AGSB) and has been provided with an annual budget of £660,000 for 2009/10. To reflect the additional work of the electoral reviews the Commission's budget has increased by £254,000 since 2007/08.

The Commission's annual report for 2008/09, which contains a summary of their accounts, has recently been laid before the National Assembly for Wales.

More details about the Commission and the review of electoral arrangements can be found on the Commission's website at:

<http://www.lgbc-wales.gov.uk/>.