

# BUSINESS PAPERS

## Part 1- Section F

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 8 March 2000 for answer on 22 March 2000

**R** Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

**W** Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

**(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)**

To the First Secretary, on Economic Development

- 1. Peter Black (South Wales West);** Does he have any plans to visit the Corus Steel Plant in Port Talbot (OAQ4233)
- 2. David Melding (South Wales Central);** What measures is he taking to promote inward investment in the Vale of Glamorgan (OAQ4288)
- 3. Cynog Dafis (Mid and West Wales);** What discussions has he held regarding the urgent need to safeguard employment in the steel and dairy industries (OAQ4291)
- 4. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** What arrangements are in place to publicise Objective One opportunities in West Wales and the Valleys (OAQ4296)
- 5. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** Will he make a statement on the latest development of Objective 1 European Structural Funds (OAQ4282)
- 6. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** How many factories have closed on the Trefforest Trading Estate since the disposal of the Estate by the WDA, and to what extent are such closures due to problems concerning the renewal of leases (OAQ4226)

- 7. Jane Davidson (Pontypridd);** What measures have been taken to ensure that all local authorities in Wales are now ready to meet the challenge of Objective 1 (OAQ4270)
- 8. David Melding (South Wales Central);** What steps is he taking to enhance the economic competitiveness of the Vale of Glamorgan (OAQ4287)
- 9. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** If he will make a statement on the regeneration of Cardiff Bay (OAQ4285)
- 10. David Davies (Monmouth);** What is being done to stimulate the economy in Monmouthshire (OAQ4284)
- 11. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central);** Will he comment on the recent Lloyds TSB figures showing a significant increase in the proportion of Welsh business suffering cash-flow problems (OAQ4271)
- 12. Pauline Jarman (South Wales Central);** If he will report on progress towards agreeing and Assisted Areas Map with the European Commission (OAQ4289)
- 13. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** Will the Secretary make Objective 1 funds available to Cardiff International Airport to develop its role as an international gateway for those parts of Wales which qualify for objective 1 funding (OAQ4229)
- 14. Peter Black (South Wales West);** What discussions has he had with the Secretary of State for Wales regarding the impact of Government policy on the future of Corus Steel Works in Port Talbot (OAQ4232)
- 15. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** Will he make a statement on the hand-over of assets, liabilities and duties of the successor bodies following the wind-up of Cardiff Bay Development Corporation (OAQ4281)
- 16. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr);** Has he made any representation to the appropriate UK Government Department on establishing a formula for determining how much of the 362 million euros allocated to the UK under the new INTERREG III Programme will be allocated to Wales (OAQ4298)
- 17. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen);** What technical assistance monies will be available to those leading local Objective 1 partnership (OAQ4234)
- 18. Christine Humphreys (North Wales);** What plans does he have to encourage women entrepreneurs (OAQ4276)

- 19. Gareth Jones (Conwy);** Can he make a statement regarding the £6.1m allocation to Cardiff Council for 'other regeneration' purposes under the Non Development Assets and Liabilities section of the transfer of responsibilities from CBDC (OAQ4292)
- 20. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** What proportion of the present WDA budget is currently allocated for rural development (OAQ4225)
- 21. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr);** If he will report on discussions he has held with the Secretary of State about negotiations between the UK Government and the European Commission regarding the UK's Assisted Areas Map (OAQ4293)
- 22. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);** Has he held any meetings with the Leader of Cardiff County Council regarding its Development Plan for the Cardiff Bay area (OAQ4294)
- 23. Lorraine Barrett (Cardiff South and Penarth);** Can he give a re-assurance that the full amount of money earmarked for the Vale of Glamorgan Council to develop a headland walkway, is still available (OAQ4227)
- 24. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Can he make a statement about any progress that he has made in relation to securing Objective One funding for Wales (OAQ4297)
- 25. Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);** What arrangements are in place for the management of the Cardiff Bay barrage after 1 April (OAQ4280)
- 26. Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli);** Will he report on the on-going between the Assembly and the Department of Finance in Dublin regarding the new Strand A Ireland/Wales programme under the INTERREG III initiative (OAQ4299)
- 27. Christine Humphreys (North Wales);** What plans has he to promote economic development by ensuring access to ICT for those people who currently have difficulties in accessing it (OAQ4272)
- 28. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** If he will make a statement on the transfer of functions from the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation to Cardiff County Council (OAQ4286)
- 29. Peter Rogers (North Wales);** What steps is he taking to promote economic development in Anglesey (OAQ4274)
- 30. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** What proportion of the WDA budget is currently allocated to rural development (OAQ4275)

To the Assembly Secretary for Finance

- 1. Janet Ryder (North Wales);** If she has had any discussions about how Wales might co-operate with other areas of the European Union to ensure that employment policies promote social inclusion. (OAQ4263)
- 2. David Davies (Monmouthshire);** What discussions she has had with the Treasury regarding extra funding to pay for dairy hygiene charges. (OAQ4260)
- 3. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** If she had asked for an assessment of the allowance to Wales of the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee verdict that PFI financing of projects can lead to higher costs. (OAQ4268)
- 4. Gareth Jones (Conwy);** If she will report on how she intends to ensure that social inclusion is promoted in the labour market. (OAQ4249)
- 5. Christine Humphreys (North Wales);** Is the Money set aside for student funding in Wales sufficient to promote social inclusion. (OAQ4236)
- 6. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central);** How does she plan to combat social exclusion in areas not covered by Objective 1. (OAQ4243)
- 7. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** What discussions has she had with HM Treasury regarding the revision of the Barnett Formula. (OAQ4269)
- 8. Janet Ryder (North Wales);** If she is considering evaluating PFI projects in Wales, in order to improve her oversight of such projects. (OAQ4250)
- 9. David Davies ( Monmouthshire);** Will she seek extra funding for education schemes in Wales. (OAQ4259)
- 10. Janet Davies (South Wales West);** If she will report on progress towards ensuring that the public sector promotes social inclusion through its employment practices. (OAQ4247)
- 11. Cynog Dafis (Mid and West Wales);** If she will outline any plans she may have to give the Assembly a role in assisting her in implementing her oversight of the Private Finance Initiative. (OAQ4245)
- 12. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Can she make a statement in relation to the

cost of surveys for the new Assembly building. (OAQ4257)

**13. Michael German (South Wales East);** How does she plan to combat social exclusion in urban areas. (OAQ4244)

**14. Gareth Jones (Conwy);** If she will outline how she intends to promote good equal opportunities practice by employers. (OAQ4248)

**15. John Griffiths (Newport East);** What are the prospects for a reassessment of the Barnett Formula in the short term. (OAQ4222)

**16. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** How does she intend to combat social exclusion in rural areas. (OAQ4240)

**17. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central);** What discussions has she had with the Chancellor about the need to increase the size of the block grant for Wales. (OAQ4241)

**18. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen);** Will the Assembly Secretary make a statement on the likely effect on socially excluded groups in Wales of proposed charges for the use of banks ATM machines. (OAQ4235)

**19. William Graham (South Wales East);** If she will comment on the integrity of the Assembly's internal computer network, in view of the recent spate of computer-based attacks. (OAQ4267)

**20. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** If she will report on any brief she has received or requested in relation to ensuring that jobs and profits generated by PFI contracts stay in Wales. (OAQ4253)

**21. Michael German (South Wales East);** Will the Assembly have an input into the Comprehensive Spending Review. (OAQ4242)

**22. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);** Whether she has or will consult with public bodies about the longer-term financial implications of PFI. (OAQ4251)

**23. Cynog Dafis (Mid and West Wales);** If she will report on any brief she has received or requested on ensuring that jobs and profits generated by PFI contracts stay in local communities. (OAQ4246)

**24. Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn);** If she will report on progress towards developing measures to promote social inclusion through the National Action Plan for employment. (OAQ4264)

- 25. Phil Williams (South East Wales);** If she will outline any plans she has to reform the Private Finance Initiative to ensure greater public benefit, value and accountability. (OAQ4239)
- 26. Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);** If she will outline how she plans to ensure that equal employment opportunities are promoted in West Wales and the Valleys. (OAQ4238)
- 27. Peter Black (South Wales East);** Will she raise the need to reform the Barnett formula as part of her discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the comprehensive spending review. (OAQ4231)
- 28. Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);** What is her strategy for implementing a review of the Barnett formula. (OAQ4261)
- 29. Christine Humphreys (North Wales);** What financial initiatives are in place to promote social inclusion in North Wales. (OAQ4237) R
- 30. Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales);** If she has received or has requested a study of the profits levels realised by PFI investors. (OAQ4256)