

# **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 21 March 2011**

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***To ask the Minister for Heritage***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister outline how many additional coaches have been trained in order to boost grassroots sports and encourage greater involvement in sport across Wales, giving a breakdown on a sport by sport basis. (WAQ57294)

***Answer issued on 23 March 2011***

Overall, the number of active coaches in Wales has grown by 5,351 across the sports funded by Sport Wales between 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Figures on a sport by sport basis are provided below:

Sport	Active Coaches 2009/10	Sport	Active Coaches 2008/09
Archery	113	Archery	105
Athletics	688	Athletics	525
Badminton	127	Badminton	68
Baseball	33	Baseball	36
Basketball	138	Basketball	n/a *
Billiards & Snooker	37	Billiards & Snooker	42
Bowls Fed	1027	Bowls Fed	1027
Boxing	607	Boxing	483
Canoeing	1173	Canoeing	1283
Caving	249	Caving	249
Cr Green Bowls	0	Cr Green Bowls	29
Cricket	1131	Cricket	1032
Curling	18	Curling	18
Cycling	236	Cycling	210
FDSW	1572	FDSW	778
Fed Anglers	289	Fed Anglers	268
Fencing	50	Fencing	48
Football	10368	Football	8037
Golf	523	Golf	523
Gymnastics	1213	Gymnastics	843
Hockey	651	Hockey	396
Ice Skating	31	Ice Skating	29
Judo	139	Judo	139
Karate	368	Karate	268
Lacrosse	22	Lacrosse	32
Motor Cycle	23	Motor Cycle	23
Netball	1819	Netball	766
Orienteering	10	Orienteering	13
Pool	10	Pool	n/a *
Rowing	70	Rowing	46
Rugby League	26	Rugby League	43
Rugby Union	3516	Rugby Union	3089
Sailing	1043	Sailing	1048

Shooting	170	Shooting	153
Snowsport	232	Snowsport	247
Squash	230	Squash	217
Surf Life Saving	205	Surf Life Saving	205
Swimming	443	Swimming	426
Table Tennis	49	Table Tennis	191
Tennis	228	Tennis	572
Tenpin Bowling	22	Tenpin Bowling	25
Triathlon	87	Triathlon	99
Tug of War	21	Tug of War	21
Volleyball	11	Volleyball	15
Weightlifting	8	Weightlifting	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,026</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,675</b>

\* The sport was not funded by Sport Wales so no figures are available.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Assembly Government is ensuring that the health benefits of sporting activity are being delivered to adults. (WAQ57295)

*Answer issued on 23 March 2011*

The Welsh Assembly Government is fully committed to making Wales a healthier, fitter nation. Through Sport Wales we are providing a range of schemes which provide people of all ages with opportunities to engage in sport and at the same time gain a health benefit. These schemes include Free Swimming, the 5 x 60 programme and Dragon Sport. Work is also underway through key partners and stakeholders on driving forward specific actions involving sport and physical activity which are contained within Creating an Active Wales. These complement our One Wales ambition which is for a healthier future for all. In addition the Welsh Assembly Government's Change for Life campaign aims to help people become more active and to maintain a healthy body weight. Since the launch last March over 14,900 families and over 750 local supporters have signed up to the campaign.