Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 6 January 2004 for answer on 13 January 2004

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(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the First Minister

1. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr); What is the Government's priorities for Health and Social Services during the next 12 months. (OAQ30915)

2. Mike German (South Wales East); Will the First Minister make a statement on increasing awareness among further education students of their eligibility for Assembly Learning Grants. (OAQ30907)

3. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West); Will the First Minister make a statement on how the additional £22 million announced last November for local government will be allocated. (OAQ30909)

4. Lorraine Barrett (Cardiff South and Penarth); What action is the Welsh Assembly Government taking to tackle anti-social behaviour in Cardiff South and Penarth. (OAQ30904)

5. Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn); Will the First Minister make a statement about bedblocking in Wales. (OAQ30910)

6. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales); Will the First Minister make a statement on the latest position regarding the National Botanic Gardens of Wales. (OAQ30901)

7. Brynle Williams (North Wales); Will the First Minister indicate whether the Welsh Assembly Government will be providing additional funds to account for the overspend in completing the Mwrog Street Flood Alleviation Scheme. (OAQ30923)

8. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire); Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Assembly is doing to help reduce the increasing pressures on local government in Wales. (OAQ30917)

9. Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside); How have this Government's economic development policies affected the people of Flintshire. (OAQ30902)

10. Peter Black (South Wales West); Will the First Minister make a statement on any further discussions he has had with the UK Government on variable tuition fees.

(OAQ30897)

11. Peter Law (Blaenau Gwent); What discussions has the First Minister had about the proposals of the train operating companies to remove their contract from the Serco call centre in Cardiff with a possible loss of over 400 jobs. (OAQ30916)

12. Janet Davies (South Wales West); Will the First Minister make a statement on the impact to Wales of implementing the proposed Traffic Management Bill. (OAQ30911)

13. Leanne Wood (South Wales Central); What recent discussions has the First Minister held with his colleagues in Westminster regarding GM crops in Wales. (OAQ30914)

14. William Graham (South Wales East); Will the First Minister make a statement concerning discussions held between his Administration and the Westminster Government on setting the level of Council Tax for 2004-05. (OAQ30925)

15. Elin Jones (Ceredigion); What recent discussions has the First Minister had regarding reforming the Barnett formula. (OAQ30899) **W**