

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 18 January 2011

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To ask the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide an update on the proposals to fund a Welsh language school in Wrexham under Tranche 3 of the School Buildings Improvement Grant. (WAQ56926)

Answer issued on 19 January 2011

Wrexham County Council submitted a bid for a Welsh Medium Primary School in May 2010 as part of the Tranche 3 bid process. The Welsh Assembly Government announced approval in principal for the project on 14th July 2010. The local authority has confirmed that outline planning permission for the new school in Gwersyllt has been granted in January 2011. Discussions are continuing between Welsh Assembly Government officials and the local authority to agree the timescale for funding the project.

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): What provisions has the Minister made for gluten free food to be made readily available at all educational establishments. (WAQ56929)

Answer issued on 19 January 2011

The Appetite for Life Action Research Project, launched in September 2008, was designed to test and inform the development of the guidelines for implementing the food, drink and nutritional standards proposed for schools in Appetite for Life. Based on the information gathered throughout the lifetime of the project, three versions of the draft guidelines have been published, with work currently under way on the final version. These guidelines include a section on 'Managing different dietary needs'. This section advises that, to provide a special diet, schools and local authorities may need to work in partnership with a number of people, including parents/carers, dieticians, school nursing services, catering staff, midday supervisors, and teaching and support staff, to ensure the needs of the individual pupil are met. Specific advice is included in relation to pupils requiring a gluten-free diet. The guidelines can be accessed via:

<http://www.physicalactivityandnutritionwales.org.uk/page.cfm?orgid=740&pid=29527>

To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the £175,598 of revenue spend budgeted for 'Improve and Maintain Trunk Road Domestic Routes'. (WAQ56925)

Answer issued on 19 January 2011

£175,598,000 is the budget for the "Improve Public Transport (Rail) Budget" rather than the "Improve and Maintain Trunk Road Network (Domestic Routes) Budget"

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to the Minister's answer to WAQ56882, will the Minister detail how many 'expressions of interest' in the site relate to the Welsh Assembly Government's Aerospace Park proposals as opposed to existing facilities contained within the site. (WAQ56930)

Answer issued on 24 January 2011

A number of potential investors have visited the site looking at a wide range of investment opportunities. Most companies have been looking at both the existing available hangar facilities and the plans to modernise the Aerospace Business Park. Final property solutions will emerge when inquiries reach sufficient maturity or when we receive outline business plans.

To ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What is the amount of funding which will be given to the Sustainable Development Fund each year for the next 3 years and of that total funding, how much will be allocated to the Clwydian Range (Area of Outstanding National Beauty) AONB for each of the next 3 years. (WAQ56927)

Answer issued on 07 April 2011

The Sustainable Development Fund has been invaluable to a large number of local and community projects in Wales' three National Parks and five Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and has enabled a lot of good work to be done over the past ten years.

In 2010/11 the Fund was allocated £1million with £650,000 going to the National Park Authorities and £350,000 going to the AONBs. Due to the current financial climate the Sustainable Development Fund will need to be reduced over the next three years in line with the revenue reductions across the Department.

It is my intention that these reductions will be met equally across the board. This will mean that the National Parks will receive £624,000 in 2011-12, £595,000 in 2012-13 and £566,000 in 2013-14; and the AONBs will receive £336,000 in 2011-12, £315,000 in 2012-13 and £300,000 in 2013-14. These allocations would then be split equally among the three NPAs and five AONBs respectively.

On this basis the Clwydian Range AONB will receive £67,200 in 2011-12, £63,000 in 2012-13 and £60,000 in 2013-14.

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the diagnosis of Coeliac Disease and the referral waiting list times for an endoscopy. (WAQ56928)

Answer issued on 19 January 2011

The diagnosis and management of coeliac disease, including the management of the referral waiting lists for an endoscopy, is a matter for Local Health Boards.