

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 21 Mehefin 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 21 June 2012

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau pryd y cafodd y penderfyniad i symud camddefnyddio sylweddau o'r Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau i'r Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ei weithredu. (WAQ60599)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the First Minister confirm when the decision to move substance misuse from the Department for Local Government and Communities to the Department for Health and Social Services took effect. (WAQ60599)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A gafodd y penderfyniad i symud camddefnyddio sylweddau o'r Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau i'r Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ei gymeradwyo gan y cabinet, ac os felly, ar ba ddyddiad a phryd y caiff papur cyfatebol y cabinet ei wneud yn gyhoeddus. (WAQ60600)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Was the decision to move substance misuse from the Department for Local Government and Communities to the Department for Health and Social Services approved by the cabinet and if so, on what date and when will the corresponding cabinet paper be made public. (WAQ60600)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa adroddiadau, asesiadau, achosion busnes neu ddogfennau tebyg a gafodd eu paratoi cyn y penderfyniad i symud camddefnyddio sylweddau o'r Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau i'r Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol. (WAQ60601)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What reports, assessments, business case or similar documents were prepared in advance of the decision to move substance misuse from the Department for Local Government and Communities to the Department for Health and Social Services. (WAQ60601)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 18 Mehefin 2012
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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): I am personally responsible for the overall structure and organisation of the Welsh Government, including the allocation of portfolios between Ministers - this is set out in the Ministerial Code. The transfer of responsibility for substance misuse was notified to the Table Office on 1st April 2012.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi ffigur ar gyfer nifer y ceisiadau am gyllid Ewropeaidd a gyflwynwyd i Swyddfa Cyllid Ewropeaidd Cymru sydd wedi cael eu cymeradwyo yn ystod cylch cyllido 2007-2013, hyd yma. (WAQ60606)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister provide a figure for the number of applications for European funding made to WEFO that have received approval during the 2007-13 funding round, to date. (WAQ60606)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 21 Mehefin 2012
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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): Details of approved projects are available on the Welsh European Funding Office website via the following link:
<http://wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/progress/searchprojects/?lang=en>

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu faint o swyddogion/unigolion o Swyddfa Cyllid Ewropeaidd Cymru/Llywodraeth Cymru sydd, ar gyfartaledd, yn ymwneud â phrosesu cais am gyllid gan Swyddfa Cyllid Ewropeaidd Cymru. (WAQ60607)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister outline how many officials/individuals from WEFO/the Welsh Government are involved, on average, with processing a WEFO funding application. (WAQ60607)

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Edwina Hart: This information is not gathered by WEFO.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Beth fu'r amserlen arferol hyd yma ar gyfer ymdrin â chais am gyllid gan Swyddfa Cyllid Ewropeaidd Cymru, o'r dechrau i'r diwedd, yn ystod cylch cyllido 2007-2013. (WAQ60608)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What has been the usual timescale to date for dealing with an application for funding from WEFO from start to finish during the 2007-13 funding round. (WAQ60608)

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Edwina Hart: This information is not gathered by WEFO..

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dadansoddiad o'r costau teithio a oedd yn gysylltiedig ag ymweliad y Dirprwy Weinidog â Lwcsembwrg, a amlinellwyd mewn ateb i WAQ60217. (WAQ60609)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the travel costs of the Deputy Minister's visit to Luxembourg outlined in answer to WAQ60217. (WAQ60609)

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Edwina Hart: Administrative arrangements for Ministerial travel and accommodation are undertaken by civil servants. Costs associated with Ministerial travel overseas are published annually. However, on this occasion the cost of travel to Luxembourg was £1076.85.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dadansoddiad o nifer y ceisiadau am gyllid Ewropeaidd sydd wedi cael eu cyflwyno i Swyddfa Cyllid Ewropeaidd Cymru bob blwyddyn yn ystod cylch cyllido 2007-2013, hyd yma. (WAQ60610)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of applications for European funding made to WEFO per year during the 2007-13 funding round, to date. (WAQ60610)

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Edwina Hart: For the European Structural Funds programmes 2007–2013 in Wales, the number of applications per year, known as Expressions of Interest, which have been submitted to the Welsh European Funding Office, is as follows:

Year	Number of applications ¹
Pre-2009 ²	370
2009	160
2010	58
2011	43
2012 to date ³	10
Total	641

¹ Figures include withdrawn applications, some of which will have been submitted in a revised form.

² Programmes agreed by European Commission in Autumn 2007.

³ Figures to 18 June 2012.

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa ymchwil y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gomisiynu i'r modd y mae canlyniadau ariannol newidiadau demograffig hirdymor yn effeithio ar ei phortffolio, a pha waith sy'n cael ei wneud i fynd i'r afael â'r effaith hon. (WAQ60617)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What research has the Minister commissioned into the impact of the financial consequences of long term demographic changes on her portfolio and what work is being undertaken to address this impact. (WAQ60617)

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Edwina Hart: The Welsh Government has considered the broader implications of demographic change as part of the analysis undertaken for "Understanding Wales's Future", published in January 2012 and available on the Welsh Government's website.

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/aboutresearch/understandingwalesfuture/?lang=en&status=gxbqamrvi>

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau
To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa ymchwil y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gomisiynu i'r modd y mae canlyniadau ariannol newidiadau demograffig hirdymor yn effeithio ar ei bortffolio, a pha waith sy'n cael ei wneud i fynd i'r afael â'r effaith hon. (WAQ60614)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What research has the Minister commissioned into the impact of the financial consequences of long term demographic changes on his portfolio and what work is being undertaken to address this impact. (WAQ60614)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Mehefin 2012
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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): I have not commissioned research specifically on the financial implications for my portfolio of long run demographic change. However, the broader implications of demographic change were reviewed as part of the analysis undertaken for "Understanding Wales' Future", published in January 2012 and available on the Welsh Government's website.

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/aboutresearch/understandingwalesfuture/?lang=en&status=gxbqamrvi>

However, statistical indicators of demographic change are considered in projections of learner numbers and for the purposes of forecasting education costs.

*Gofyn i Weiniidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy
To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development*

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa ymchwil y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gomisiynu i'r modd y mae canlyniadau ariannol newidiadau demograffig hirdymor yn effeithio ar ei bortffolio, a pha waith sy'n cael ei wneud i fynd i'r afael â'r effaith hon. (WAQ60615)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What research has the Minister commissioned into the impact of the financial consequences of long term demographic changes on his portfolio and what work is being undertaken to address this impact. (WAQ60615)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Mehefin 2012
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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The broader implications of demographic change and other long run trends were reviewed as part of the analysis undertaken for "Understanding Wales's Future", published in January 2012 and available on the Welsh Government's website. Our policies are designed to reflect demographic change and the other trends set out in that analysis.

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/aboutresearch/understandingwalesfuture/?lang=en&status=gxbqamrvi>

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty
To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House*

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Faint y bydd Prif Grwp Gwariant yr Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn cynyddu, a faint y bydd Prif Grwp Gwariant yr Adran Llywodraeth Leol

a Chymunedau yn lleihau, yn sgîl y penderfyniad i symud camddefnyddio sylweddau o'r Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau i'r Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol. (WAQ60602)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): By how much will the Department for Health and Social Services Main Expenditure Group (MEG) increase, and the Department for Local Government and Communities MEG decrease as a result of the decision to move substance misuse from the Department for Local Government and Communities to the Department for Health and Social Services. (WAQ60602)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Beth y mae'r Llywodraeth yn disgwyl fydd cost arfaethedig y penderfyniad i symud camddefnyddio sylweddau o'r Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau i'r Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, a pha gyllid sydd wedi cael ei ddarparu i gefnogi hyn. (WAQ60603)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What does the Government expect the proposed cost of the decision to move substance misuse from the Department for Local Government and Communities to the Department for Health and Social Services to be and what funds have been made available to support this. (WAQ60603)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Mehefin 2012
Answer received for publication on 26 June 2012

The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): The budgetary changes for the Health, Social Services and Children MEG and the Local Government and Communities MEG resulting from the transfer of substance misuse are set out in the table below. There are no costs arising from this transfer of responsibility.

	2012-13 £000	2013-14 £000	2014-15 £000
Health, Social Services & Children			
Revenue	27,475	27,475	27,475
Capital	5,690	5,072	5,072
Local Government & Communities			
Revenue	-27,475	-27,475	-27,475
Capital	-5,690	-5,072	-5,072

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o gynaliadwyedd ariannol rhaglen wariant gyffredinol Llywodraeth Cymru rhwng nawr a 2030. (WAQ60611)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What assessment has the Minister made of the financial sustainability of the Welsh Government's overall spending programme between now and 2030. (WAQ60611)

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Jane Hutt: Through the budget setting process, we continually assess the impact of a range of factors on the Welsh Government's spending plans, including the latest demographic projections. The outcome of this process shapes the Budget we present to the Assembly on an annual basis. Our Budget for Growth and Jobs which was approved in December sets out our spending plans for the next three years. This is based on the Welsh budget settlement as set out in the UK Government's

Spending Review 2010 and covers the remaining period for which the UK Government has published public spending plans.

These plans were published against the backdrop of the most challenging financial times since devolution. These circumstances shape our plans for future spending and reflect the priority we attach to creating the conditions for increased and sustainable growth in the medium and longer term. The Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan for Growth and Jobs that I published recently is a cornerstone of the approach Wales needs to ensure its sustainable economic success in these uncertain times. As well as providing a detailed investment pipeline for three years, it also sets out long term priorities and a direction of travel.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Faint o gleifion Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn sydd yng Nghymru, a pha gynlluniau sydd ar y gweill i sefydlu Cofrestr o gleifion Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn yng Nghymru fel yr argymhellir yn y Safonau Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn. (WAQ60597)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): How many Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) patients are there in Wales and what plans are there for establishing a Register of IBD patients in Wales as recommended in the IBD Standards. (WAQ60597)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Mehefin 2012
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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): This information is not held centrally. The IBD standards were issued to the NHS in February 2010 under cover of a Ministerial Letter (EH/ML/009/10). Health Boards are expected to take into account the Standards for improving IBD services and to use them to inform planning, funding and the delivery of services for IBD within their local areas.

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Faint o ysbytai yng Nghymru sydd ag o leiaf un Nyrs Arbenigol Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn, a faint o'r rhain sy'n gweithio ar drefniant amser llawn. (WAQ60598)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion): How many hospitals in Wales have at least one Inflammatory Bowel Disease Specialist Nurse and how many of these are full-time. (WAQ60598)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Mehefin 2012
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Lesley Griffiths: Specialist nurses form an integral and important part of health services. Health Boards and Trusts are responsible for ensuring they have the right skill mix and level of expertise to deal with the patients they care for. The number and type of staff is not mandated by the Welsh Government. Many specialist nurses work at an advanced level - Welsh Government issued guidance on advanced practice in 2010 to support service providers in developing these roles.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Ar gyfer bob rhaglen wariant o dan y pennawd Gweithredu ar Gamddefnyddio Sylweddau yn y gyllideb, beth oedd y gwariant wedi'i gyllidebu a'r gwariant gwirioneddol ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd diwethaf. (WAQ60604)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): For each spending programme in the Substance Misuse Action in the budget, what was the budgeted and actual expenditure for each of the last three years. (WAQ60604)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Mehefin 2012
Answer received for publication on 25 June 2012

Lesley Griffiths: The budget and expenditure in respect of Substance Misuse for each of the last three years is as follows:

	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Revenue	26.495	26.294	27.475	27.407	27.475	27.180
Capital	6.100	5.981	7.000	6.090	6.117	5.309

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa ddarparwyr gwasanaethau a sefydliadau eraill sy'n ymwneud â lleihau nifer yr achosion o gamddefnyddio sylweddau sy'n cael eu cyllido'n uniongyrchol gan Lywodraeth Cymru at ddibenion mynd i'r afael â chamddefnyddio sylweddau, a faint o arian a gafodd ei neilltuo ar eu cyfer ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd diwethaf, a faint fydd yn cael ei neilltuo ar eu cyfer ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd nesaf. (WAQ60605)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Which service providers and other organisations engaged in reducing substance misuse are directly funded by the Welsh Government for the purposes of tackling substance misuse, how much money was allocated to them for each of the last three years and how much will be allocated to them in each of the next three years. (WAQ60605)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Mehefin 2012
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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government provides direct funding for substance misuse to the 4 Welsh Police forces to deliver the All Wales Schools Programme, the 3 southern Welsh police forces for Operation Tarian and the National Offender Management Service for the Transitional Support Scheme. Direct funding is also provided to a number of voluntary organisations on behalf of the Wales European Funding Office (WEFO) to deliver the All Wales Peer Mentoring Project. The remainder of the substance misuse action fund is allocated locally to Community Safety Partnerships, Area Planning Boards and Local Health Boards.

Details of all funding allocated to these schemes between 2009-10 and 2012-13 is provided below. Decisions on funding for 2013-14 and future years, where there are no ongoing legal commitments will be taken following the budget in October.

Budget	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Substance Misuse Action Fund – Revenue	£18,800,000	£22,263,000	£22,263,000	£22,263,000
Substance Misuse Action Fund - Capital	£4,100,000	£7,000,000	£6,117,000	£5,690,000*
All Wales Schools Programme	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000
Operation Tarian	£642,000	£642,000	£642,000	£642,000
Transitional Support Scheme	£520,000	£575,000	£575,000	£300,000+
LHB Substance	£11,089,000	£17,134,000	£17,134,000	£17,134,000

Misuse Ring fence			
All Wales Peer mentoring Project ^	Total Allocated £ 9,670,395 Competitiveness Grant £1,711,683 Convergence Grant £ 7,958,712		

NB/

*£312k retained centrally for an All Wales Drugs Early Warning System

+ Amount reduced for 2012-13 as scheme now joint funded with the National Offender Management Service

^Welsh Government manages the contract for the WEFO funded All Wales Peer Mentoring Project. The project has been financed from October 2009 until September 2013. Funding is profiled for the duration of the project and is not apportioned year by year.

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa ymchwil y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gomisiynu i'r modd y mae canlyniadau ariannol newidiadau demograffig hirdymor yn effeithio ar ei phortffolio, a pha waith sy'n cael ei wneud i fynd i'r afael â'r effaith hon. (WAQ60616)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What research has the Minister commissioned into the impact of the financial consequences of long term demographic changes on her portfolio and what work is being undertaken to address this impact. (WAQ60616)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Mehefin 2012

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Lesley Griffiths: I have not commissioned research specifically on the financial implications for my portfolio of long term demographic change. However, the broader implications of demographic change were reviewed as part of the analysis undertaken for "Understanding Wales's Future", published in January 2012 and available on the Welsh Government's website.

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/aboutresearch/understandingwalesfuture/?lang=en&status=gxbqamrvi>

The Welsh Government and NHS Wales jointly developed a five year service, workforce and financial strategic framework for NHS Wales in June 2010. This framework has formed the basis of medium-term financial plans that NHS organisations are developing to deliver sustainable services within their funding.

In the context of Social Services, the Welsh Government recognised the impact of demographic change in its policy framework 'Sustainable Social Services: A Framework for Action', published in February 2011. This framework sets out a fundamental reshaping of social services in Wales to meet the effects of this and other changes.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth

To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa ymchwil y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gomisiynu i'r modd y mae canlyniadau ariannol newidiadau demograffig hirdymor yn effeithio ar ei bortffolio, a pha waith sy'n cael ei wneud i fynd i'r afael â'r effaith hon.(WAQ60612)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What research has the Minister commissioned into the impact of the financial consequences of long term demographic changes on his portfolio and what work is being undertaken to address this impact. (WAQ60612)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 19 Mehefin 2012

Answer received for publication on 19 June 2012

The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): I have not commissioned research specifically on the financial implications for my portfolio of long run demographic change. However, the broader implications of demographic change were reviewed as part of the analysis undertaken for "Understanding Wales's Future", published in [January 2012] and available on the Welsh Government's website.

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/aboutresearch/understandingwalesfuture/?lang=en&status=gxbqamrvi>

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau
To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael ag awdurdodau lleol ynghylch y potensial i lunio cofnod o drafodion cyfarfodydd y Cynghorau. (WAQ60593)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities regarding the potential for producing a record of proceedings of the Councils' meetings. (WAQ60593)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o faint y byddai'n ei gostio i awdurdodau lleol lunio cofnod llawn o drafodion cyfarfodydd cynghorau. (WAQ60594)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What assessment has the Minister made of the cost to local authorities for producing a full record of proceedings of council meetings. (WAQ60594)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o faint y byddai'n ei gostio i awdurdodau lleol wneud recordiad fideo o drafodion cynghorau. (WAQ60595)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What assessment has the Minister made of the cost to local authorities for the video recording of council proceedings. (WAQ60595)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael ag arweinwyr awdurdodau lleol ynghylch gwneud darllediad fideo o drafodion cynghorau. (WAQ60596)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What discussions has the Minister had with local authority leaders regarding the video broadcasting of council proceedings. (WAQ60596)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Mehefin 2012
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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): I have not had any discussions with local authorities or leaders concerning the recoding or broadcasting of council meetings or the cost of producing a full recording of proceeding of council meetings.

Local authorities are already required to produce minutes of meetings under Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) and under section 228 of the 1972 Act, to make the minutes open to inspection by local government electors in the area. Local authorities are also under a duty to allow the public entry to council meetings, unless the issues being discussed are considered exempt.

I have placed on record my support for the principal of recording and broadcasting council meetings. However, the issue of recoding and broadcasting local authority meetings are matters for local authority themselves. I am not intending to issue guidance or provide additional funding to local authorities for these activities.

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa ymchwil y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gomisiynu i'r modd y mae canlyniadau ariannol newidiadau demograffig hirdymor yn effeithio ar ei bortffolio, a pha waith sy'n cael ei wneud i fynd i'r afael â'r effaith hon. (WAQ60613)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What research has the Minister commissioned into the impact of the financial consequences of long term demographic changes on his portfolio and what work is being undertaken to address this impact. (WAQ60613)

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Carl Sargeant: I have not commissioned research specifically on the financial implications for my portfolio of long run demographic change. However, the broader implications of demographic change were reviewed as part of the analysis undertaken for "Understanding Wales' Future", published in January 2012 and available on the Welsh Government's website.

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/aboutresearch/understandingwalesfuture/?lang=en&status=gxbqamrvi>

However, demographic indicators are key drivers for the distribution of funding within the annual local government and police settlements. For example, in 2012-13, population projections account for the distribution of £1.49bn of funding and pupil numbers account for the distribution of £1.52bn of funding within the local government settlement. The process considers a range of issues facing local government in relation to projected demographic changes. Recently these have included:

Key pressures for social care costs due to demographic growth. The Audit Commission report 'Under Pressure' published in February 2010 highlighted that if care costs increased with the expected population growth, Wales could see social care costs almost double by 2026, illustrating the need for local government to reduce costs and improve social services and outcomes further. Research has also identified the increasing demands for social care provision given that the demographic growth in Wales has resulted in the average age of people in residential care increasing to 80+;

Key challenges for all aspects of the public sector (including housing, health and community safety) in relation to the ageing population within Wales; and

Pressures on housing, as projections indicate that between 2006 and 2026 the number of households in Wales is likely to increase by 21.1%, with the majority of this increase (65%) likely to be in households aged over 65.