### Written Assembly Questions for answer on 18 November 2003

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 ask the Minister for Economic Development and Transport

**Peter Black (South Wales West)**; When was the Regional Selective Assistance Grant given on the Lloyds TSB site in Pencoed, how much was it for, what conditions were attached, and in what circumstances would this grant be clawed back. (WAQ29876)

# To ask the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

Alun Cairns (South Wales West); What checks need to be conducted into escorts before they can fulfil their duties in taxis funded by LEAs. (WAQ29877)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West); What guidelines are in place in relation to escorts to children travelling to schools in taxis funded by LEAs. (WAQ29878)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West); What is the latest stage of the review of being conducted into school transportation. (WAQ29879)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West); What safeguards are in place to police the use of school escorts in taxis funded from the public purse. (WAQ29880)

# To ask the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services

Alun Cairns (South Wales West); What guidelines are in place for local authorities relating to the relationship between them and representatives of taxi drivers. (WAQ29881)

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central)**; Will the Minister clarify what provision has been made for cycle parking at the new Assembly Building. (WAQ29885)

### To ask the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside

Alun Cairns (South Wales West); Would the Minister publish advice received from officials in relation to the 'calling in' of the east pit open-cast mining application. (WAQ29882)

# To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

**Mike German (South Wales East)**; Will the Minister outline the specific timetable for legislation to introduce mandatory availability of direct payments for older people. (WAQ29883)

William Graham (South Wales East); Will the Minister confirm when an osteoporosis consultant will be recruited at the Royal Gwent Hospital in Newport. (WAQ29884)

**Leighton Andrews (Rhondda);** Will the Minister list the best performing health trusts in terms of lowest length of stay in hospital for:

- a) Dermatology
- b) Trauma and orthopaedics
- c) General surgery
- d) Urology
- e) Gynaecology
- f) Opthalmology
- g) E.N.T
- h) Paediatrics
- i) Obstetrics (WAQ29886)