

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 1 March 2010**

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***To ask the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning***

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** How many school reorganisation proposals are currently with the Welsh Assembly Government awaiting approval and what is the current average time taken by the Government to make decisions. (WAQ55697)

***Answer issued on 01 March 2010***

There are currently 19 school organisation proposals awaiting ministerial determination. Ministers may approve proposals, approve proposals with modifications, reject proposals, or give a conditional approval, which becomes a final decision once action to meet the condition has been taken. On average, the last 10 decisions (dating back to June 2009) were issued 32 weeks after the date on which the proposals were published.

It should be noted that the objection period for school organisation proposals lasts for two months from the date of publication and that local authorities then have a further month in which to forward to the Welsh Ministers copies of the objections together with their comments thereon.

***To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport***

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** How many new jobs have been created in the 'green industry' since 2007 and in which sectors of the industry were these jobs created. (WAQ55696)

***Answer issued on 15 March 2010***

While it may be possible to derive total employment in Low Carbon Environmental Goods and Services (LCEGS) in Wales, through the analysis of the relevant sectors, measurement of green jobs in the wider economy in Wales is more difficult as we do not have readily available statistical data to use.

***To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services***

**Michael German (South Wales East):** Will the Minister indicate what steps have been taken by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to confirm a Memorandum of Understanding based on the long-standing activities between north-west Wales and Lesotho as part of Dolen Cymru's activities. (WAQ55694)

***Answer issued on 02 March 2010***

I understand that Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board is making excellent progress towards the development of partnership working with Lesotho. I would suggest that you contact the LHB directly for a more detailed report on progress.

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** By Welsh LHB, how many Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) certificates were issued in each of the past 5 years and what were the ages of the patients involved and the reasons for the issuing of the certificates. (WAQ55695)

***Answer issued on 02 March 2010***

This information is not held centrally.

***To ask the Minister for Rural Affairs***

**Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister confirm whether she is funding extra police officers in the North Pembrokeshire badger cull area for the period of the cull, and if so, how much will this cost and what extra provision is being funded. (WAQ55693)

***Answer issued on 02 March 2010***

We want to ensure community confidence through continued reassurance to our communities within, and outside, the pilot area, before, during and after its implementation. To this end we have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dyfed-Powys Police Authority to provide a framework that makes clear how we will work together in this regard, together with the roles and responsibilities of each organisation. This includes supporting an enhancement to the 'neighbourhood policing team' in the area to work with communities to provide this reassurance and a point of contact for people. This will be kept under review for the duration of the pilot area.

It is not our intention to disclose information relevant to the police tactics, staffing, training or budgets that are in place. These are operational policing matters which are the constitutional responsibility of the Chief Constable.

The cost of implementing a proactive culling strategy over five consecutive years within the pilot area is estimated to be £9,427,000. This figure includes costs agreed between the Welsh Assembly Government and Dyfed-Powys Police Authority in the Cost Recovery Agreement.