

# **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 15 Gorffennaf 2013**

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 15 July 2013**

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***Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru  
To ask the First Minister***

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog esbonio pryd y nododd Abertis yn glir na fyddai'n gwerthu Maes Awyr Caerdydd i gwmni arall – fel y cyfeiriwyd ato yn y Cyfarfod Llawn ar 12 Mehefin eleni – a pha resymau a roddwyd am hyn? (WAQ65102)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the First Minister explain when Abertis made it clear it would not sell Cardiff Airport to another operator – as referred to in Plenary on 12 June this year – and what reasons were given for this? (WAQ65102)

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**The First Minister (Carwyn Jones):** Details of conversations with Abertis will remain confidential.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog nodi pa gymorth ariannol a gafodd ei gynnig i Abertis – ac a wrthodwyd – cyn prynu Maes Awyr Caerdydd, fel y cyfeiriwyd ato yn y Cyfarfod Llawn ar 12 Mehefin eleni? (WAQ65103)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the First Minister detail what financial assistance was offered to Abertis – and refused – prior to Cardiff Airport's purchase, as referred to in Plenary on 12 June this year? (WAQ65103)

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**The First Minister:** Up to £5 million in line with the relevant state aid approval from the European Commission.

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Gan gyfeirio at WAQ65009, pryd y cyhoeddir yr hysbysiad o gyfarfod mis Mai 2013 Tasglu Maes Awyr Caerdydd? (WAQ65095)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ65009, when will the communiqué from the May 2013 Cardiff Airport Task Force be published? (WAQ65095)

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**The First Minister:** The Cardiff Airport Task Force did not meet in May.

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Gan gyfeirio at WAQ65009, beth, ym marn y Prif Weinidog, yw cyfnod priodol rhwng cyfarfod o Dasglu Maes Awyr Caerdydd a chyhoeddi'r hysbysiad o'r cyfarfod hwnnw ar wefan Llywodraeth Cymru? (WAQ65104)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ65009, what does the First Minister consider to be an appropriate length of time between a meeting of the Cardiff Airport Task Force and the publication of the communiqué from that meeting on the Welsh Government's website? (WAQ65104)

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**The First Minister:** Previous communiqués have been published within six to eight weeks. I consider a period of that order to be appropriate.

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Gan gyfeirio at WAQ65009, a yw'r Prif Weinidog yn bwriadu cyhoeddi rhestr o unrhyw awgrymiadau a wnaed gan Dasglu Maes Awyr Caerdydd ar wefan Llywodraeth Cymru, gan nad yw'r hysbysiadau a gyhoeddwyd yn cynnwys rhestr o'r fath? (WAQ65105)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ65009, does the First Minister intend to publish a list of any recommendations made by the Cardiff Airport Task Force on the Welsh Government's website, as the published communiqués do not contain such a list? (WAQ65105)

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**The First Minister:** I do not intend to publish any further details than those contained in the communiqués.

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

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Sawl ysgol sydd wedi cau yng Nghymru er mis Rhagfyr 2009, a sawl un o'r rhain a gaewyd o ganlyniad i bolisi Llywodraeth Cymru i leihau lleoedd gwag? (WAQ65098)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many schools have closed in Wales since December 2009 and how many of these were as a result of the Welsh Government's policy to reduce surplus places? (WAQ65098)

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**The Minister for Education and Skills (Huw Lewis):** I know of no schools that have closed solely in order to reduce surplus places, although the presence of excessive surplus places in a school or locality has often been an indicator that a review of provision is necessary. Excessive numbers of unused places, with as a result an excessive numbers of schools, mean that resources are tied up unproductively.

Our policy on school organisation makes it clear that proposals for changes in the organisation of schools must be seen against the background of the Welsh Government's long standing commitment to drive up standards of teaching and attainment in all schools, and increase school effectiveness.

Welsh Government guidance on school organisation proposals (Circular 21/2009) sets out the policy context and general principles for reviewing the provision of school places. The prime consideration for local authorities when considering a specific proposal to reorganise schools is its effect on educational standards.

From 1st January 2010, 61 schools have closed with pupils transferring to other existing schools.

There were a number of other reorganisations where pupils either remained in the same buildings or transferred to new schools, often in the same premises.

- 81 nursery, infant and junior schools closed to be replaced by 35 primary schools.
- A primary and secondary school closed to be replaced by a school for pupils with an age range of 3 to 19.
- 2 primary schools and 2 secondary schools closed to be replaced by a school for pupils with an age range of 3 to 16
- 2 secondary schools closed to be replaced by 1 new secondary school.

You may wish to note that between January 2010 and January 2012, the number of surplus places across Wales reduced by 2,995 places (from 98,592 to 95,597).

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

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ei chynigion i gyfyngu ar gostau gofal cymdeithasol i'r rheini sy'n ariannu'u hunain yn y sector cartrefi gofal preswyl? (WAQ65096)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on her proposals to limit the costs of social care for self-funders in the residential care home sector? (WAQ65096)

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**The Deputy Minister for Social Services (Gwenda Thomas):** I outlined in my Written Statement of 21 March that I want to build on the reforms we have already introduced to charging for social care; most notably the successful introduction in 2011 of our £50 maximum charge for non-residential care.

Despite the general merits of a cap or limit on charges I have reservations about the particular form of cap the UK Government intends to introduce in England in 2016. I believe it is prudent therefore, to consider carefully the detailed implementation of this to ensure we fully understand how their model of a cap would operate. I understand UK Ministers intend to publish details of this shortly. I want to develop proposals over the next year which take that into account, build on our reforms to date, are based on research and evidence, and which take account of stakeholders' views. These proposals will need to be tailored to our circumstances in Wales, including different patterns of wealth and recognising our vision for a sustainable system for care and support for the people of Wales.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ffioedd meddygon teulu ar gyfer asesiadau meddygol sy'n hanfodol er mwyn cael trwydded gyrrwr tacsï? (WAQ65101)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the GP charges for medical assessments which are a prerequisite for obtaining a taxi driver license? (WAQ65101)

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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford):** The Welsh Government recognises the importance of taxis in meeting local transport needs. In particular, taxis are of vital importance for many disabled people, particularly those who may not be able to access conventional public transport services and in areas that have limited public transport such as in rural areas.

Guidance issued by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) on current Medical Standards on Fitness to Drive in relation to taxi licensing indicates that taxi licence applicants should pass a medical examination before a licence can be granted. Current best practice advice is that Group 2 medical standards, applied by DVLA in relation to bus and lorry drivers, should also be applied by local authorities to taxi drivers. Guidance issued by the DVLA in relation to medical examination reports (D4) for people wishing to drive a lorry or a bus indicates that a GP will normally charge for this service. If a GP elects to charge a fee for providing a medical examination report for a taxi driver this is consistent

with charging a fee for providing a medical examination report for people wishing to drive a lorry or a bus.

GPs are independent contractors who work within the parameters of the General Medical Service contract to provide services to their NHS patients. The completion of medical examinations for the purposes of obtaining a taxi licence is not an NHS contractual matter and so GPs are not contractually obliged to complete the medical assessment.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyfoeth Naturiol a Bwyd***  
***To ask the Minister for Natural Resources and Food***

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu manylion am y gwariant ar Echel 2 Cynllun Datblygu Gwledig Cymru ar gyfer pob blwyddyn o Gynllun Datblygu Gwledig 2007-2013? (WAQ65097)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister provide details of the monetary spend on Axis 2 of the Wales Rural Development Plan for each year of the 2007-2013 Rural Development Plan? (WAQ65097)

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**The Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Alun Davies):** The total EU and domestic spend to date (30 June) for Axis 2 of the Wales RDP is £486,888,491

The spend break down by calendar year is

2007: £65,997,781

2008: £61,485,864

2009: £72,853,121

2010: £69,724,111

2011: £57,876,298

2012: £71,002,202

2013: £30,447,491 (to 30 June)

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau cyfanswm yr arian wedi'i fodiwleiddio (gwirfoddol a gorfodol) sydd ar gael i'w wario rhwng heddiw a diwedd 2015 o dan y rheol N+2, ar fesurau Echel 2 yn y Cynllun Datblygu Gwledig? (WAQ65099)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister confirm the total modulated monies (voluntary and compulsory) that are available to be spent between now and the end of 2015 under the N+2 rule, on Axis 2 measures if the Rural Development Plan? (WAQ65099)

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**Alun Davies:** The total modulated monies (voluntary and compulsory) forecast to be spent to the end of 2015 under the N+2 rule on RDP Axis 2 measures is £21,419,127.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o ba ganran o wariant Echel 2 y Cynllun Datblygu Gwledig sy'n dod o (a) modiwlleiddio gorfodol, (b) modiwlleiddio gwirfoddol ac (c) cydariannu gan Lywodraeth Cymru? (WAQ65100)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister provide a breakdown of what percentage of the Rural Development Plan Axis 2 expenditure comes from (a) compulsory modulation, (b) voluntary modulation and (c) Welsh Government co-financing? (WAQ65100)

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**Alun Davies:** RDP Axis 2 expenditure to date (30 June 2013) is £486,888,491

Of which the percentage breakdown requested is:

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| a) Compulsory modulation:                            | 1.5%  |
| b) Voluntary modulation:                             | 10.2% |
| c) Welsh government co-financing (domestic funding): | 57.1% |