

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 14 December 2010

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To ask the First Minister

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide details, including cost, for each piece of scientific research commissioned by your department in each of the last three years and how much has been budgeted for scientific research in your department for the next three years. (WAQ56880)

Answer issued on 09 February 2011

Information further to WAQ56880 was issued by The First Minister (Carwyn Jones) on 9 February 2011.

To ask the Minister for Business and Budget

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many dedicated press officers and staff with press-related roles in their job-descriptions do the Welsh Assembly Government employ, giving a breakdown for each of the last four years. (WAQ56870)

Answer issued on 15 April 2011

The Welsh Assembly Government employs a total of 27 (FTE) press officers. In addition to communicating the policies of the Assembly Government through an increasingly dynamic and fragmented media, the press office provides media support to the government on a 24 hour, 7-days a week basis and also manages the online news service.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many members of staff are employed by the Welsh Assembly Government with responsibility for media monitoring, giving figures for each of the last four years. (WAQ56871)

Answer issued on 15 April 2011

The Welsh Assembly Government does not specifically employ staff to monitor the media. Press Officers carry out a monitoring role as part of their routine work alongside a range of other duties.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How much does the Welsh Assembly Government spend annually on media monitoring, providing figures for each of the last four years. (WAQ56872)

Answer issued on 15 April 2011

The table below provides information on media monitoring costs that the central Communications division is aware of for the last four financial years. The service enables us to record and collate media coverage for all Government areas including health, tourism and education.

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Media Monitoring	28,757.20	50,646.97	40,311.8	59,372.27

Central Communications division has a contract for media monitoring services which covers the majority of work in this area. We can supply the figures over the period requested (as outlined above). However, in addition to the central communications contract there may be other media monitoring work carried out for specific campaigns, within individual departments. To attempt to capture any additional expenditure would incur disproportionate costs. The Welsh Assembly Government has introduced a new financial

system which will enable us in future to have this information to hand. In addition to this, we will be publishing expenditure such as this on our website on a quarterly basis.

The figures are not easily comparable year on year as they may vary depending upon the departmental budgets that were delegated to Communications division within each financial year. The difference in cost is also due to the fact that we pay for cuttings on an individual basis, and is dependent on the amount of media coverage.

The increase in 2009-10 was due to the provision of broadcast monitoring services being provided by an external supplier. This service has now been brought in-house for 2010-11 with a resultant saving.

To ask the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide details, including cost, for each piece of scientific research commissioned by your department in each of the last three years and how much has been budgeted for scientific research in your department for the next three years. (WAQ56874)
Transferred for answer by the First Minister

Answer issued on 09 February 2011

Information further to WAQ56874 was issued by The First Minister (Carwyn Jones) on 9 February 2011.

To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide details, including cost, for each piece of scientific research commissioned by your department in each of the last three years and how much has been budgeted for scientific research in your department for the next three years. (WAQ56877)
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Answer issued on 09 February 2011

Information further to WAQ56877 was issued by The First Minister (Carwyn Jones) on 9 February 2011.

To ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide details, including cost, for each piece of scientific research commissioned by your department in each of the last three years and how much has been budgeted for scientific research in your department for the next three years. (WAQ56878)
Transferred for answer by the First Minister

Answer issued on 09 February 2011

Information further to WAQ56878 was issued by The First Minister (Carwyn Jones) on 9 February 2011.

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide details, including cost, for each piece of scientific research commissioned by your department in each of the last three years and how much has

been budgeted for scientific research in your department for the next three years. (WAQ56873)
Transferred for answer by the First Minister

Answer issued on 09 February 2011

Information further to WAQ56873 was issued by The First Minister (Carwyn Jones) on 9 February 2011.

To ask the Minister for Heritage

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide details, including costs, for each piece of scientific research commissioned by your department in each of the last three years and how much has been budgeted for scientific research in your department for the next three years. (WAQ56876)
Transferred for answer by the First Minister

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Information further to WAQ56876 was issued by The First Minister (Carwyn Jones) on 9 February 2011.

To ask the Minister for Rural Affairs

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many Tir Gofal contract holders will have received their single farm payments and Tir Gofal payments within the first ten days of December. (WAQ56869)

Answer issued on 15 April 2011

Of the Tir Gofal contract holders eligible for Single Payment Scheme (SPS), approximately 1,950 received their SPS payments within the first 10 days of December and approximately 100 Tir Gofal payments were made within the same period. It should be recognised that Tir Gofal payments are made throughout the year according to contract agreements.

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide details, including cost, for each piece of scientific research commissioned by your department in each of the last three years and how much has been budgeted for scientific research in your department for the next three years. (WAQ56875)
Transferred for answer by the First Minister

Answer issued on 09 February 2011

Information further to WAQ56875 was issued by The First Minister (Carwyn Jones) on 9 February 2011.

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide details, including cost, for each piece of scientific research commissioned by your department in each of the last three years and how much has been budgeted for scientific research in your department for the next three years. (WAQ56879)
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Information further to WAQ56879 was issued by The First Minister (Carwyn Jones) on 9 February 2011.