Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 29 Ebrill 2013 Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 29 April 2013

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Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Diwylliant a Chwaraeon To ask the Minister for Culture and Sport

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd ers dechrau'r pedwerydd Cynulliad i wella cyfranogiad mewn chwaraeon ar lawr gwlad yng Nghanol De Cymru. (WAQ64595)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What action has the Welsh Government taken since the start of the 4th Assembly to increase participation in grassroots sports in South Wales Central? (WAQ64595)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Ebrill 2013 Answer received for publication on 25 April 2013

The Minister for Culture and Sport (John Griffiths): The Welsh Government fully supports the development of grassroots sport across Wales and the Programme for Government highlights our ambitions to increase participation rates.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cynnal gydag awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru parthed darparu cyfleusterau ar gyfer chwaraeon amatur yng Nghymru, a chost cyfleusterau o'r fath. (WAQ64596)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What discussions has the Minister held with local authorities in Wales related to the provision and cost of facilities for amateur sports in Wales? (WAQ64596)

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John Griffiths: My officials have been in discussion with local authorities involving the cost and provision of local sport facilities which come under their control and ownership.

Sport Wales encourage local authorities to give due consideration before making any changes to their pricing structure, such as carrying out consultation with key users and assessing the potential impact on sports participation. However the provision and cost of hiring sports facilities is a matter for each local authority.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o fanteision cymryd rhan mewn chwaraeon i iechyd y cyhoedd, a pha gamau sy'n cael eu cymryd i hyrwyddo gweithgareddau chwaraeon ymysg oedolion yng Nghymru. (WAQ64597)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What assessment has the Minister made of the benefits to public health of participation in sport, and what actions are being taken to promote sporting activity amongst adults in Wales? (WAQ64597)

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John Griffiths: Creating an Active Wales, the Welsh Government's action plan for physical activity identifies that regular physical activity has many benefits to health, including mental health and wellbeing. The action plan focuses on four strategic aims, one of which is to increase participation in sport, by all sectors of the population. The focus is to develop opportunities to increase the number of people playing sport and the frequency and standard at which they play and to use sport as a means of increasing population physical activity levels for health benefits.

Recognising the need to refresh the approach to increasing levels of physical activity in Wales a Physical Activity Executive Group is being established and through this group I will be working with the Minister for Health and Social Services to take this agenda forward.

This year the Welsh Government, via Sport Wales, is investing more than £21m in community sport and to provide opportunities for everyone to participate in sport and physical activity. As part of our national free swimming schemes older adults continue to be offered free admission to local authority leisure centres.

Gofyn i Weinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi nifer y gweithwyr cyfwerth ag amser llawn sy'n gweithio i Croeso Cymru, gan roi'r ffigur presennol a'r ffigurau ar gyfer pob un o'r tair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ64594)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide the number of full-time equivalent employees working for Visit Wales, giving the current figure and those for each of the last three financial years? (WAQ64594)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 24 Ebrill 2013 Answer received for publication on 24 April 2013

The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): Civil Servant appointments are a matter for the Permanent Secretary.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cynnydd tuag at ailsefydlu cyswllt rheilffordd uniongyrchol rhwng Lerpwl a Gogledd Cymru. (WAQ64598)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister provide an update on progress towards the reestablishment of a direct rail link between Liverpool and North Wales? (WAQ64598)

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Edwina Hart: Cross-border rail connectivity will be subject to discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport and Network Rail.

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

Mike Hedges (Dwyrain Abertawe): Pa ddarpariaeth sy'n cael ei gwneud yn y setliad ariannu ar gyfer addysg ôl-16 ar gyfer cost ychwanegol adnoddau cyfrwng Cymraeg. (WAQ64593)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East): What provision is made within the funding settlement for post 16 education for the additional cost of Welsh Medium resources? (WAQ64593)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): The Post-16 funding methodology includes an uplift of 25% for courses delivered bilingually or through the medium of Welsh. The uplift is designed to cover the additional costs of delivery in the Welsh medium. For 2013-14 the uplift totalled just under £6 million.