

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 18 October 2010

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To ask the Minister for the Heritage

Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire): How many people attended the 2010 Ryder Cup. (WAQ56598)

Answer issued on 20 October 2010

The PGA European Tour who stage the event and own all the commercial rights, including ticketing, advise that estimated attendance is broken down as follows:

Tuesday	27,000
Wednesday	29,000
Thursday	36,000
Friday	38,000
Saturday	43,000
Sunday	36,000
Monday	35,000
TOTAL	244,000

Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire): How much in sponsorship did the Welsh Assembly Government give to the 2010 Ryder Cup. (WAQ56599)

Answer issued on 21 October 2010

The Welsh Assembly Government has not provided any ‘sponsorship’ as such for the event. However, hosting any major event – and this is probably the biggest event Wales can host – involves significant investment to ensure Wales delivers and is well received on a global stage with a lasting legacy.

In order to do this, the Assembly Government has provided around £43 million towards the hosting of the Ryder Cup. This includes some infrastructure and marketing work with around £37.6 million going to Ryder Cup Wales Ltd over 10 years to enable it to fulfil public sector bid commitments for hosting the event on behalf of the Assembly Government.

These commitments include payment of an annual Rights Fee to Ryder Cup Europe (European Tour); an annual Summer of Golf events programme; and a £2 million Legacy Fund for projects aimed at encouraging the growth and development of the game.

Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire): What was the total cost of improvements to the highway infrastructure / slip road / roundabout alterations for the 2010 Ryder Cup. (WAQ56600)

Answer issued on 15 April 2011

The total cost of the highway infrastructure/slip road/roundabout alterations which were timed to be completed for the 2010 Ryder Cup was £3.6m.

Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire): What is the estimated amount of money coming in to Wales as a result of the 2010 Ryder Cup. (WAQ56601)

Answer issued on 15 April 2011

The economic impact of the event itself was estimated at over £70 million in 2006 – however, that figure was calculated in different economic times so I’m cautious about the final outcome. However, we must

also take into account the growth in golf tourism since the bid was won and the enhanced profile the event has brought to Wales.

An Economic Impact Study is underway which will measure the overall impact of the event on the Welsh Economy. It will be the first report of its type to evaluate the longitudinal impact of an event as it also covers the 2014 event thanks to the co-operation of all partners and stakeholders.

The final report is due early in the new year.

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister please provide an update on the progress being made to improve access to footcare services across Wales. (WAQ56596)

Answer issued on 19 October 2010

I recognise the importance of good foot care for older people in enabling them to keep mobile and independent. I also appreciate that for some older people managing their own general foot health is difficult.

I can tell you that the draft scoping exercise has now been completed and I will be going out to consultation this year on the recommendations.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister please confirm whether all health boards are now fully compliant with cancer standards laid out by the Welsh Assembly Government. (WAQ56597)

Answer issued on 15 October 2010

Local Health Boards are currently carrying out self assessments against the National Cancer Standards. My officials will then prepare a summary all Wales report for me.