

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 4 February 2011

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To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail what Welsh Assembly Government money has been given/offered to Cardiff Airport for route development, either to attract or maintain new and existing operations at the airport, giving figures for each of the last four years. (WAQ57045)

Answer issued on 05 April 2011

The amount of support over the last four years via the Welsh Route Development Fund is as follows:

2006/07- £16,923

2007/08- £147,696

2008/09 - £88,760

2009/10 -£86,420

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How much, if any, Welsh Assembly Government money was lost (or still remains to be paid back) when Highland Airways went into administration. (WAQ57046)

Answer issued on 08 February 2011

The Welsh Assembly Government is owed £6,000 by Highland Airways. We are advised by the Liquidator that it is extremely unlikely that any creditors will recover any money owed to them.

To ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Irene James (Islwyn): What discussions has the Minister had with her counterpart in the UK Government regarding the effects of commodity speculation on energy prices and what was the outcome of these discussions. (WAQ57044)

Answer issued on 08 February 2011

I have had no discussions on effects of commodity speculation on energy prices.

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Please provide the budgeted spend and actual spend for the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme for each year since its inception and provide budgeted spend for its successor schemes for each year until 2013/14. (WAQ57047)

Answer issued on 08 February 2011

The Welsh Assembly Government has increased the funding for the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (HEES) over the last few years. The Scheme has assisted over 124,000 households at a cost of over £137 million since it started in 2001. The number of households helped will vary according to the breakdown of full and partial grant applications in each year.

It is anticipated that the budget for the New Fuel Poverty Scheme will be £18.5m each year. However this is subject to future budget approvals.

The total spend and the number of households helped each year under HEES is broken down as followed.

| Year | Initial Allocation | Final Allocation | Spend | Households | Applications |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2001/02 | £8.9m | £9.2m | £5.1m | 11,021 | 9,477 |
| 2002/03 | £8.9m | £11.1m | £10.3m | 14,466 | 23,042 |
| 2003/04 | £8.9m | £13.3m | £10.6m | 12,572 | 17,113 |
| 2004/05 | £13.1m | £14.1m | £14.5m | 13,149 | 15,159 |
| 2005/06 | £14.1m | £14.1m | £13.9m | 9,834 | 9,967 |
| 2006/07 | £14.1m | £16.5m | £14.9m | 13,739 | 27,796 |
| 2007/08 | £19.6m | £19.6m | £21.6m | 18,647 | 23,808 |
| 2008/09 | £19.6m | £22.9m | £22.7m | 15,199 | 22,828 |
| 2009/10 | £19.6m | £23.7m | £23.7m | 15,952 | 25,342 |
| Total | £126.8m | £144.5m | £137.3m | 124,579 | 174,532 |