

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

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

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

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Am ba mor hir y mae cyllid presennol Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer y cyswllt rheilffordd Gwasanaeth Premier rhwng Caerdybi a Chaerdydd yn para a hyd at ba ddyddiad y gall y Gweinidog warantu cyllid y Llywodraeth iddo? (WAQ64678)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** For how long does the current Welsh Government funding for the Premier Service rail link between Holyhead and Cardiff last and up until what date can the Minister guarantee Government funding for it? (WAQ64678)

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**The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart):** This and other matters are under consideration and I will provide a further update at the appropriate time.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am faint o swyddi sydd wedi eu creu a faint o fuddsoddiad a ddenwyd gan y sector preifat ers sefydlu Ardaloedd Menter yng Nghymru, gan roi dadansoddiad o'r swyddi a'r buddsoddiad ym mhob Ardal Fenter? (WAQ64679)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister detail how many jobs have been created and how much private sector investment has been attracted since the Welsh Enterprise Zones were established, providing a breakdown of jobs and investment in each Enterprise Zone? (WAQ64679)

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**Edwina Hart:** As I stated following my oral statement of 23 April, I am looking at an alternative mechanism of reporting to members. I will advise Members in due course about what further information I can make available.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa asesiad mae'r Gweinidog yn ei wneud o'r cymorth a gynigir ar gyfer masnacheiddio eiddo academiaidd o bob prifysgol yng Nghymru? (WAQ64680)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What assessment is the Minister making of the support offered for the commercialisation of academic property from all universities in Wales? (WAQ64680)

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**Edwina Hart:** An independent review into intellectual property (IP) commercialisation models will be commissioned by the end of June, and will be completed and reported on by the end of November 2013.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i hyrwyddo cyfleoedd entrepreneuriaeth yng Nghymru i fyfyrwyr Addysg Bellach ac Uwch? (WAQ64681)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What action is the Minister taking to promote entrepreneurship opportunities in Wales to students at Higher and Further Education levels? (WAQ64681)

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**Edwina Hart:** We continue to promote entrepreneurship opportunities to students at Higher and Further Education levels through delivery of our Youth Entrepreneurship Strategy.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei wneud o rinweddau cynnig cyllid drwy farchnad Funding Circle? (WAQ64682)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What assessment has the Minister made of the merits of offering finance through the Funding Circle marketplace? (WAQ64682)

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa gamau mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu cymryd i hyrwyddo'r defnydd o Funding Circle? (WAQ64683)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What action has the Minister taken to promote the use of Funding Circles? (WAQ64683)

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**Edwina Hart:** Businesses should consider a number of different sources for their business finance in order to find the most suitable for their particular circumstances. There are many different types of finance available that go beyond that traditionally provided by the high street banks, Funding Circle is one of them.

In January, I launched an independent review into the availability of private sector funding for SMEs in Wales, led by Professor Dylan Jones-Evans. The review is considering the merits of alternative sources of funding, including the opportunities afforded by peer-to-peer lenders like Funding Circle. His report and policy recommendations are due in the autumn of 2013.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa ystyriaeth y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei rhoi i leihau ardrethi busnes i gyfleusterau cymunedol mewn canol trefi i leihau effaith canolfannau manwerthu ar gyrion trefi ac annog adleoli? (WAQ64687)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What consideration has the Minister given to reducing business rates for community facilities in town centres to reduce the impact of out of town retail centres and encourage re-location? (WAQ64687)

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**Edwina Hart:** I established the Business Rates Task and Finish Group to look at business rates as a lever for economic development. They have come up with some innovative recommendations including ones which support town centres. One of the responses of the Welsh Government has been to provide £200,000 to support the start-up costs of Business Improvement Districts. Additionally, I am currently consulting on the Group's report into business rates relief for charities and social enterprises. I look forward to receiving the diverse range of views from stakeholders through this consultation.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i wella goruchwyllo democrataidd awdurdodau lleol dros benderfyniadau a wneir ar lefel dinas-ranbarth? (WAQ64689)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What action is the Minister taking to improve the democratic oversight of local authorities over decisions made at city region level? (WAQ64689)

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**Edwina Hart:** It is not the role of government to dictate to these City Regions. Interim arrangements for each of the city regions are in place to encourage an integrated approach and promote joint working.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu cael o ran y defnydd o'r broses dendro i sicrhau buddsoddiad yn ansawdd seilwaith a cherbydau trenau? (WAQ64690)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What discussions has the Minister had regarding the use of the tender process to secure investment in the quality of rolling stock and infrastructure? (WAQ64690)

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**Edwina Hart:** I am considering all options.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am drafodaethau diweddar gyda Llywodraeth y DU ar drydaneiddio prif reilffordd Gogledd Cymru? (WAQ64691)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister give an update on recent discussions with the UK Government over the electrification of the North Wales mainline? (WAQ64691)

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**Edwina Hart:** I will circulate an update on the North Wales rail network to all Assembly Members in due course.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau'r gost fesul blwyddyn am wasanaeth bysiau lleol a gynorthwyir, sef gwasanaeth 905 (cyswllt Rheilffordd Maes Awyr Caerdydd) i Lywodraeth Cymru, gan roi ffigurau ar gyfer pob un o'r pum mlynedd ariannol diwethaf? (WAQ64693)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister confirm the cost per annum of the 905 supported local bus service (Cardiff Airport Rail link) to the Welsh Government, giving figures for each of the last five financial years? (WAQ64693)

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**Edwina Hart:** The Welsh Government has provided approximately £100,000 on average for the last three financial years.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog y Cyllid***  
***To ask the Minister for Finance***

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am nifer y cwmnïau o Gymru sy'n ennill contractau caffael yng Nghymru? (WAQ64684)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister give an update on the number of Welsh companies winning public procurement contracts in Wales? (WAQ64684)

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**The Minister for Finance (Jane Hutt):** The last expenditure analysis commissioned shows that Wales-based suppliers are winning a larger share of the £4.3bn public sector expenditure, increasing from 35% in 2004 to 52% in 2010/11.

Currently we cannot report on the number of contracts awarded to Welsh companies but once the new sell2wales platform has gone live in June this data will start to become available.

Manual monitoring of construction award notices shows that two-thirds of framework places or direct contract awards have gone to businesses whose head-quarters is in Wales.

Use of the community benefits approach has increased the opportunities available through the supply chain and the first 18 projects to report showed that 82% was retained in Wales through direct salaries and supply chain expenditure.

The Wales Procurement Policy Statement that I announced in December provides the nine principles against which I expect public procurement to be carried out. Adoption of this policy in full will provide Wales based businesses with opportunities to win contracts and I will be closely monitoring its adoption.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i ddadfwndelu contractau ar gyfer gwaith y Llywodraeth i wneud caffael yn fwy hygyrch i fusnesau bach a chanolig? (WAQ64685)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What action is the Minister taking to unbundle contracts for Government work to make procurement more accessible to SME's? (WAQ64685)

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**Jane Hutt:** The Wales Procurement Policy Statement, which I announced in December, contains the nine principles against which I expect public procurement in Wales to be carried out. One of these principles concerns 'open and accessible competition' and states that 'public bodies should adopt risk based, proportionate approaches to procurement to ensure that contract opportunities are open to all and smaller, local suppliers are not precluded from winning contracts individually, as consortia, or through roles within the supply chain'.

I have made clear that I expect public bodies to adopt risk based, proportionate approaches to procurement, ensuring that appropriate lotting strategies are used, contracts are advertised widely and the SQuID (Supplier Qualification Information Database) approach is taken to pre-qualification.

Where Welsh Government co-ordinate demand and establish collaborative contracts or frameworks, these are developed using intelligent procurement approaches – aggregation of demand does not necessarily mean aggregation of supply. Value Wales' Framework Agreement Guidance encourages use of lotting, to break contracts into more manageable chunks for smaller suppliers.

The Lessons Learned review into frameworks that I published in February 2012 concluded that collaborative frameworks can be effective if best practice is followed, and in particular where the requirement is split into lots to make it easier for smaller firms to bid. My officials have been working with Denbighshire Council, lead authority for the 21st Century Schools programme, to ensure this approach is adopted. Over the last two years, two-thirds of all major construction contracts and framework awards have been won by businesses with their head-quarters in Wales.

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

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A oes llinell ffôn chwythu'r chwiban ar gael i staff y GIG ei ffonio ar hyn o bryd ac (a) os oes, beth yw'r rhif a phryd y cafodd ei sefydlu, a (b) os nad oes, beth yw'r broses i staff y GIG godi eu pryderon? (WAQ64694)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Is there a currently a whistleblowing hotline for NHS staff to contact and (a) if so what is the number and when was it established, and (b) if not what is the process for NHS staff to raise their concerns? (WAQ64694)

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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford):** There is no whistleblowing hotline for NHS staff as such. However the Royal Mencap Society hold a contract with the Department of Health to provide a whistleblowing helpline that covers NHS and social care employees and employers across England and Wales. The contract has been in place since the 1st January 2012.

Telephone number 08000 724 725

Email enquiries@wbhelpline.org.uk

The helpline is to support staff who are unsure what to do when they have concerns. Advisors are available to guide staff to their respective organisations internal processes and where to seek legal, trade union or other representation. Advice is also provided on legal rights to protection under the Public Interest Disclosure Act and how staff could present their case to their organisation.

The Royal Mencap Society will have no actual role in taking concerns forward on behalf of staff, or investigating concerns.

The Welsh Government has previously instructed NHS organisations to ensure that Whistleblowing policies are in place to enable staff to raise concerns internally.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai ac Adfywio***  
***To ask the Minister for Housing and Regeneration***

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i ledaenu arfer gorau o ran adfywio canol trefi ledled Cymru? (WAQ64686)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What action is the Minister taking to spread best practice in town centre regeneration across Wales? (WAQ64686)

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**The Minister for Housing and Regeneration (Carl Sargeant):** An evaluation of recent practices in relation to town centre regeneration was undertaken as part of the review of the regeneration portfolio.

The independent report has been made widely available and best practice has been incorporated within our new regeneration framework, Vibrant and Viable Places. In addition, we continue to provide funding to the Centre for Regeneration Excellence Wales, which supports the regeneration sector in identifying and implementing best practice.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei wneud o ffyrdd i gynyddu pwerau i gymunedau er mwyn lliniaru effaith canolfannau siopa ar gyrion trefi? (WAQ64688)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What assessment has the Minister made of ways to increase powers for communities to mitigate the impact of out of town shopping centres? (WAQ64688)

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**Carl Sargeant:** Rather than increase powers, my preference is to ensure that the existing mechanisms are fully utilised.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion o ran a fydd y £20m ychwanegol a ddyrannwyd i'r Grant Tai Cymdeithasol yn cael ei fuddsoddi mewn adeiladu tai newydd neu a fydd yn cael ei ddyfarnu i deuluoedd yn lle budd-dal tai? (WAQ64692)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister detail whether the £20m additionally allocated to Social Housing Grant will be invested in building new houses or if it will be awarded to families in lieu of housing benefit? (WAQ64692)

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**Carl Sargeant:** The £20m additional funding will be used to support the building of 1 or 2 bedroom affordable homes by Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) across Wales. This funding will provide much needed smaller homes for those affected by the changes in welfare reform such as the 'bedroom tax'.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Yn dilyn cyhoeddi'r ddogfen ymgynghori 'Mobile connectivity in England' gan Adran dros Ddiwylliant, y Cyfryngau a Chwaraeon y DU, a'r Adran Cymunedau a Llywodraeth Leol, pa gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i wella'r system gynllunio i hyrwyddo ehangu'r seilwaith band eang symudol yng Nghymru? (WAQ64695)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Further to the publication of the consultation document Mobile connectivity in England by the UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and the Department for Communities and Local Government, what plans does the Welsh Government have to improve the planning system to promote expansion of the mobile broadband infrastructure in Wales? (WAQ64695)

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**Carl Sargeant:** Welsh Government officials have worked with the UK Government on the proposals in the current consultation to improve the planning system to promote expansion of the mobile broadband infrastructure. We will continue to ensure that the planning system in Wales facilitates the roll out of broadband infrastructure across Wales and have already been looking at the current permitted development rights for Code Operators in Wales. The content of a single Welsh Government consultation paper is currently being considered.

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

**Llyr Huws Gruffydd (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y trafodaethau a gychwynwyd gan ei ragflaenydd i sefydlu Fforwm Llifogydd i Gymru? (WAQ64696)

**Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on the discussions initiated by his predecessor to establish a Flood Forum for Wales? (WAQ64696)

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**The Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Alun Davies):** Research on Flood Advocacy and Support Services for Communities in Wales was launched at the Wales Flood Summit on 4 March 2013 with its findings simultaneously published on the Welsh Government website.

Officials are undertaking further work on a Flood Support Framework as recommended in the research report and investigating cost and resource implications of a Flood Support Service for Wales, popularly referred to as a flood forum.