

BUSINESS PAPERS

Part I - Section D

Written Assembly Questions for answer on 4 October 1999

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(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the Assembly First Secretary

Rod Richards (North Wales); What policy is he pursuing to ensure that non Welsh speaking individuals in Wales are not discriminated against, especially in terms of job opportunities. (WAQ1355JS)

To ask the Assembly Secretary for Education and Children

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); If she will make a statement as to the intention of the Government of Wales to recommend the charging of parents who send their children to former Grant Maintained schools. (WAQ1344JS)

Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); To outline any differences in delegated budgets for those Foundation Schools in comparison to when they existed as Grant Maintained Schools. (WAQ1345JS)

To ask the Assembly Secretary for Health and Social Services

Peter Black (South Wales West); What plans does she have to reduce waiting times for a hearing test to no more than a month and to a further month for a hearing aid to be fitted. (WAQ1342VB)

Peter Black (South Wales West); What plans does she have to ensure the availability of effective and up-to-date hearing aid technology together with digital hearing aids as standard provision in the NHS in Wales. (WAQ1341VB)

To ask the Assembly Secretary for Local Government and Environment

Geraint Davies (Rhondda); What are the reserves of each individual local authority in Wales as of the 31st March 1999. (WAQ1360JS)

To ask the Assembly Secretary for Agriculture and Rural Development

Michael German (South Wales East); To confirm that she is satisfied that the Government endorsed SCIMAC voluntary Code of Practice for GM crops is adequate to prevent the contamination of neighbouring crops and thus eliminate any risk of damage to the wider environment, and, if not, what steps will she take to ensure that adequate controls are introduced. (WAQ1368AG)

Michael German (South Wales East); If she will place upon ACRE the duty to inform the Assembly of the interference to ecological systems within Wales it regards as being possible from trials of GM crops being undertaken within the UK. (WAQ1370AG)

Michael German (South Wales East); If regular consultations are being undertaken with MAFF to ascertain whether present or future GM crop trials in England will prove hazardous to ecological systems in Wales. (WAQ1371AG)

Michael German (South Wales East); If she will clarify what powers the Assembly has to suspend or halt GM crop trials, both in Wales and in the rest of the UK, which are regarded as being harmful to the environment or to ecological systems within Wales, and can she detail the time-scale involved in so doing. (WAQ1369AG)

