

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 6 October 2009**

[R] signifies that the Member has declared an interest.

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***To ask the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills***

**Gareth Jones (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister publish a table showing the number of schools and pupils in Wales partaking in the 'The Class Moves!' initiative, broken down by local authority. (WAQ54899)

*Answer issued on 05 October 2009*

Data regarding the number of schools trained and using 'The Class Moves!' materials were last collected in March 2006 and are attached. Data regarding the number of pupils partaking have never been routinely collected.

<b>Authority</b>	<b>No of schools trained to use TCM!</b>	<b>No of schools trained using TCM!</b>
Blaenau Gwent (incl 1 PRU)	33	16
Bridgend	52	39
Caerphilly	85	45
Cardiff	24	14
Carmarthen	80	80
Ceredigion	57	15
Conwy	40	35
Denbighshire	57	57
Flintshire		30-40
Gwynedd	no response	no response
Merthyr Tydfil	34	16
Neath Port Talbot	29	10
Newport/Monmouthshire	51	51
Pembrokeshire	72	36
Powys	95%	50%
Rhondda Cynon Taff	60	60
Swansea	75	40-50
Torfaen	15	10
Vale of Glamorgan (incl 1 PRU)	33	22
Wrexham	63	31
Ynys Mon (Anglesey)	40	15

***To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport***

**Michael German (South Wales East):** How many properties were purchased as part of the M4 relief road project and what was the total value of the purchases. (WAQ54894)

*Answer issued on 08 October 2009*

14 properties have been purchased as part of the M4 relief road project at a total value of £5,207,000. In addition, costs of £342,000 have been paid in valuation, survey and solicitor fees, disturbance and home loss payments connected with these purchases. 6 of these properties have since been sold on the open market and realised £1,896,000.

A further 2 properties are in the process of being acquired at an estimated value of £950,000. There is a legal obligation to acquire these two properties because statutory Blight Notices were accepted prior to the decision not to proceed with the New M4.

***To ask the Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing***

**Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire):** Will the responses to the consultation on proposals for a charge on single use carrier bags be made public. (WAQ54900)

***Answer issued on 08 October 2009***

I intend to publish a summary of consultation responses shortly which will include a name only list of all those respondents who have not requested confidentiality.

Separately, I shall publish electronically the full written responses except those where confidentiality has been requested

**Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire):** When does the Welsh Assembly Government plan to undertake a regulatory impact assessment of the proposals for a charge on single use carrier bags. (WAQ54901)

***Answer issued on 08 October 2009***

A regulatory impact assessment will be required as part of the Explanatory Memorandum to be laid before the National Assembly for Wales by Welsh Ministers, alongside the draft Statutory Instrument.

***To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services***

**Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister confirm that all new NHS employed nurses are routinely being issued with email addresses. (WAQ54896)

***Answer issued on 07 October 2009***

I have written to you confirming that staff, who have access to a computer to carry out their jobs, are issued with e-mail addresses. It must also be appreciated that there are sometimes delays when setting up and activating computer profiles for new staff. I believe that it is important to provide staff with the appropriate access to information technology systems to support patient care and I have therefore written to LHB Chief Executives and Trusts to investigate the matter raised by the RCN.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What financial support is the Minister making available to NHS Trust and Local Health Boards to overcome financial deficits. (WAQ54897)

***Answer issued on 07 October 2009***

Draft budget proposals were published on 6th October. Health and Social Services funding increases by 2.6% in 2010-11. NHS Trusts and Local Health Boards have significant budgets, and are expected to live within their means.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What financial support has the Minister made available to former Local Health Boards and Trusts in respect of deficits incurred prior to reorganisation of the NHS. (WAQ54898)

*Answer issued by 06 October 2009*

Last year, I agreed to the cancellation of strategic assistance funding of £40.469 million in Hywel Dda NHS Trust in recognition of their break-even performance in 2008-09. This has wiped out the inherited debts which were carried forward from the three predecessor trusts.

I also agreed to the cancellation of strategic assistance funding of £7.676 million in the North Wales NHS Trust which had been carried forward from the two predecessor trusts.

Local Health Boards are required to keep expenditure within their available funding, so they do not carry forward deficits.

**Eleanor Burnham (North Wales):** How is the Integrated Family Support Team (IFST) funded and how does it link to and work with a) the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) and b) local authorities. (WAQ54902)

*Answer issued on 02 October 2009*

Information on the funding of IFST and its implications for local authorities is detailed in the published Regulatory Impact Assessment of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure Explanatory Memorandum. IFST will include children in care and the IRO will continue to have a statutory function to undertake the statutory review of the child's care plan.

### *To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government*

**Nerys Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister confirm a) how much the Welsh Assembly Government is providing to fund Carmarthenshire TV; b) which budget line is the funding coming from; and c) what proportion of the total cost does this represent. (WAQ54895)

*Answer issued on 06 October 2009*

I gather that Carmarthenshire Local Service Board has been considering introducing the use of video material as part of a multi media information service for Carmarthenshire residents and improving access to services. However, no decision has yet been made as to whether to proceed with the project which is still at the development stage or on the mix of partnership and external funding. For this reason I cannot confirm any figures.