

# **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 16 Ionawr 2012**

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 16 January 2012**

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***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth  
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science***

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Beth yw'r union gostau rheolaidd mewn perthynas â phrosiectau sy'n cael eu galw yn technïums nawr ac a oedd yn cael eu galw yn technïums yn y gorffennol. (WAQ58476)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** What are the exact ongoing costs with respect to projects currently and previously known as technïums. (WAQ58476)

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**The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart):** I will write to you and place a copy in the library.

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**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A all y Gweinidog gadarnhau faint o ffermwyr sydd wedi gwneud cais am Elfen wedi'i Thargedu Glastir, gan nodi faint sydd wedi i) cael cynnig, a ii) derbyn contract Elfen wedi'i Thargedu. (WAQ58486)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Can the Minister confirm how many farmers have applied for the Targeted Element of Glastir, identifying how many have been i) offered, and ii) accepted a Targeted Element contract. (WAQ58486)

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**The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies):** Farmers are currently being selected for assessment by Contract Managers for the Targeted Element, subject to entering into a 2012 Glastir All-Wales Element contract. The first contracts will be offered later this year, with a start date of 1 January 2013.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A all y Gweinidog gadarnhau faint o ffermwyr sydd wedi gwneud cais am grant ACRES, gan nodi ar wahân i) faint gafodd eu cynnig a ii) faint gafodd eu derbyn. (WAQ58487)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Can the Minister confirm how many farmers have applied for an ACRES grant, identifying separately i) how many were offered and ii) how many were accepted. (WAQ58487)

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**Alun Davies:** 1250 expressions of interest were received for ACRES, of which 102 have been invited to apply from the first selection. The number of successful applicants will not be known until applications have been received and validated. Another selection will be made in the spring of 2012.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A all y Gweinidog gadarnhau cyfanswm nifer y contractau byw dan elfen Tir Comin Glastir ar 1 Ionawr 2012. (WAQ58488)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Can the Minister confirm the total number of live Glastir Common Land contracts as of 1st January 2012. (WAQ58488)

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**Alun Davies:** I will issue a statement on 1 February regarding the number of live Glastir Common Land Element contracts following the validation of the contracts.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A all y Gweinidog gadarnhau cyfanswm nifer y contractau byw dan Elfyn Cymru Gyfan Glastir ar 1 Ionawr 2012. (WAQ58489)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Can the Minister confirm the total number of live Glastir All Wales Element contracts as of 1st January 2012. (WAQ58489)

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**Alun Davies:** I will issue a statement on 1 February regarding the number of live Glastir All-Wales Element contracts following the validation of the contracts.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** Sawl contract Elfyn Cymru Gyfan Glastir a oedd wedi cael eu cynnig gan Lywodraeth Cymru erbyn y dyddiad cau ar 31 Rhagfyr 2011. (WAQ58090)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** How many Glastir All Wales Element contracts were offered by the Welsh Government by the 31st December 2011 deadline. (WAQ58490)

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**Alun Davies:** The Welsh Government offered 2,133 Glastir All-Wales Element contracts by 31 December 2011.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o'r holl gymorth ariannol a roddwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i fferm bysgod Selonda UK yn Chwarel Dinmor, Penmon, Ynys Môn ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ58504)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister provide a breakdown of all financial assistance given by the Welsh Government to the Selonda UK fish farm at Dinmor Quarry, Penmor, Anglesey in each of the last five years. (WAQ58504)

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**Edwina Hart:** I will write to you on this matter and a copy will be placed in the library.

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**Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu gwybodaeth am y Grwp Cynghori Annibynnol sydd wedi cael ei sefydlu gan Lywodraeth Cymru er mwyn ystyried adolygu polisi Ardrethi Busnes yng Nghymru. (WAQ50512)

**Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** Will the Minister provide information on the Independent Advisory Group that has been set up by the Welsh Government to consider the review of Business Rates policy in Wales. (WAQ58512)

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**Edwina Hart:** The Business Rates Task and Finish Group was set up in late October 2011. The membership is as follows:

Professor Brian Morgan (Chair)	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Juliet Luporini	Swansea Business Improvement District
David Swallow	Eversheds
John Gravelle	Carmarthenshire County Council
Chris Sutton	CBI / Jones Lang LaSalle
Helen Simpson (part-time advisory member)	Bristol University and IFS

The group have been data gathering and taking evidence from a wide range of experts, and a call for evidence has been placed on the Welsh Government website to ensure that all business sectors from all parts of Wales have had the opportunity to feed into the review. The group are planning to present their report in early March 2012, providing they have gathered sufficient evidence.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau*  
*To ask the Minister for Education and Skills*

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am asesiadau ar gyfer lefelau 4 a 5 mewn ysgolion. (WAQ58493)

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister make a statement on assessments for levels 4 and 5 in schools. (WAQ58493)

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**The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews):** Learners are assessed by their teachers against national curriculum levels.

Level 4 is the level that the majority of learners at the end of key stage 2 (age 11) are expected to achieve. Level 5 is the level that the majority of learners at the end key stage 3 (age 14) are expected to achieve. Results reported in summer 2011 showed that the proportion of our learners achieving the expected level in each core subject increased compared to 2010.

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pob ymgynghoriad sy'n ymwneud â'r systemau proffilio disgyblion newydd. (WAQ58494)

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister outline any and all consultations relating to the new pupil profiling systems. (WAQ58494)

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion y gwaith sy'n digwydd o ran proffilio disgyblion mewn ysgolion cynradd. (WAQ58495)

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister detail what work is on-going in relation to pupil profiling in primary schools. (WAQ58495)

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**Leighton Andrews:** For the purposes of this response I have interpreted the term 'pupil profiling system' as a reference to the Foundation Phase Child Development Assessment Profile (CDAP).

The CDAP was developed in collaboration and consultation with local authority Foundation Phase Advisors and the Foundation Phase Training and Support Officers. The material was developed with head teachers, teachers, classroom assistants and learning support assistants from across Wales who trialled and piloted the material during its developmental stages.

The CDAP, which was introduced from September 2011, was based on existing practice and is designed to provide practitioners with an early insight to the abilities and behaviours of children when they first enter the Foundation Phase. Following its introduction I have received feedback from schools, local authorities and teaching unions which included positive comments and constructive criticism of the material.

As a result I have requested that revisions are made to the structure and administration of the CDAP. This work has already started with a rapid review of the material being undertaken by Prof. Iram Siraj-Blatchford, an internationally renowned early years expert. Prof. Siraj-Blatchford's work will lead into a full review and revision programme during the remainder of this school year, which in turn will feed into a pilot and consultation exercise during the 2012 autumn term.

The revised CDAP will be statutory for schools and non-maintained settings from the start of the 2013-14 school year.

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu manylion yr holl gynlluniau sy'n monitro'r gwaith o drosglwyddo disgyblion o addysg gynradd i addysg uwchradd. (WAQ58496)

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister outline details of all initiatives that monitor the transfer of pupils from primary to secondary education. (WAQ58496)

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**Leighton Andrews:** The Welsh Government recognises that effective transition arrangements provide the cornerstone for progression and continuity in learning so that pupils maintain and build on the momentum established in primary school.

The transfer of pupils from primary to secondary education takes place under the auspices of the school admissions system, in line with school admissions policies set by admissions authorities with reference to the Welsh Government's own statutory Code on School Admissions. The operation of the admissions system in this and other respects is monitored locally by school admissions fora.

Transition between primary and secondary education is a matter for local authorities and governing bodies to manage under a requirement, unique to Wales, upon the governing bodies of maintained secondary schools and their feeder primary schools to draw up and maintain a Transition Plan to facilitate the transition of pupils making the move from primary to secondary school. This may include special arrangements to ease the process, such as by familiarisation visits by the primary school pupils to their future secondary school, or by arranging for secondary school teachers to provide some lessons to pupils in their final year of primary school.

The first Transition Plans were in place in September 2007. In order to support schools in the early stages of implementation, during the period 2007-10 the Welsh Government:

- provided specific guidance for schools on producing a Transition Plan;
- commissioned and published guidance on good practice in transition planning produced by Estyn.
- provided ring fenced funding in the Better Schools Fund for use by local authorities working with schools to develop Transition Plans and meet staff development costs;
- provided additional INSET days that could be used by schools for cluster meetings to agree transition arrangements;
- provided local authorities with additional grant (Key Stage 2-3 Transition Grant) to support the development of exemplar projects and dissemination of good practice; and
- commissioned Estyn to monitor and report on progress.

Transition support for Children and Young People with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) is also of importance. In order to ensure transition key-working is supported on a consistent basis across Wales, the Welsh Government is providing additional funding to the Care Co-ordination Network Cymru (the leading key worker charity in the UK) totalling £154,271 for 2011-12. This will support the transition of children and young people with ALN across the 0-25 age range including those transferring from primary to secondary school.

As part of the work local authorities are undertaking on school based counselling, they provide opportunities for pupils in year 6 to access this service in recognition of the difficulties that can be faced during transition. Interventions have included play therapy, circle time, support for parents and one to one interaction, depending on the needs of the child. We are in the early stage of gathering data on year 6 usage. This will contribute to the evidence we gather as we consider school based counselling in primary schools.

In order to support the transition process each pupil is provided with a Unique Pupil Number (UPN) which allows them to be tracked through the education system. A UPN is allocated to each pupil according to a nationally specified formula on first entry to school, and is intended to remain with the pupil throughout their school career regardless of any change in school or local authority, including where pupils move between schools in Wales and England.

**Mike Hedges (Dwyrain Abertawe):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod Awdurdodau Lleol yng Nghymru wedi lleihau cyfran eu gwariant refeniw ar addysg o 43.4 y cant o refeniw gros yn 2001/2 i 38.0 y cant yn 2010/11. (WAQ58510)

**Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister confirm that Local Authorities in Wales have reduced the proportion of their revenue spending on education from 43.4% of gross revenue in 2001/2 to 38.0% in 2010/11. (WAQ58510)

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**Leighton Andrews:** The calculations are correct but over such a long period of time the figures are no longer comparable. This is due to changes in Local Government responsibilities: for example in 2004-05 rent rebates to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) tenants became part of the data. This added over £265m to authorities overall expenditure, thereby reducing the proportion of overall expenditure spent on education. With the total housing element removed, education accounted for 46.9% of the overall service expenditure in 2001-02 and 44.5% in 2010-11.

It is Assembly Government policy that funding for statutory age education is provided mainly on a non-hypothecated basis through the local government settlement (Revenue Support Grant – RSG). This approach to funding is a key part of the Welsh Government's policy that local authorities are best placed to deliver services and that in order to do so well; they need financial flexibility to judge local needs and

circumstances and to decide how to allocate their resources. Local authorities are accountable to their electorates for the decisions they make.

These arrangements have served schools in Wales well with average increases in local authority education budgets in recent years in line with or above average increases in the overall local government settlement.

***Gofyn i Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy***

***To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development***

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog egluro (i) pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cymryd i gynnal safonau lles anifeiliaid, (ii) pa mor rheolaidd y mae archwiliadau lles yn cael eu cynnal a (iii) sut mae awyru a thymreddau priodol yn cael eu cynnal yn fferm bysgod Selonda UK yn Chwarel Dinmor, Penmon, Ynys Môn. (WAQ58503)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister clarify (i) what steps the Welsh Government is taking to maintain animal welfare standards, (ii) how regularly welfare checks are conducted and (iii) how appropriate aeration and temperatures are being maintained at the Selonda UK fish farm at Dinmor Quarry, Penmon, Anglesey. (WAQ58503)

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**The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths):** Responsibility for ensuring welfare standards are met rest with the person responsible for the animal. Section 9 of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) 2006 introduced in Wales in March 2007 places obligations on that person which includes the owner or keeper of an animal (including fish), to ensure that the needs of an animal for which he is responsible are met to the extent required by good practice. Section 4 of the AWA states that a person commits an offence if they cause unnecessary suffering to an animal.

The fish farm at Dinmoor Quarry, Penmon, Anglesey is under new management.

The new owners, Anglesey Aquaculture Ltd, have been made fully aware of their responsibilities under the aquatic animal health regulations. They are currently working with the Welsh Government and the Fish Health Inspectorate at CEFAS to develop a detailed contingency plan, which takes into consideration recent events and circumstances, in relation to the seabass recirculation operations. The plan is due to be completed within the next 8 weeks, and will be shared with the Welsh Government.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol***

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

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Faint o frwshys dannedd a thiwbiau o bast dannedd sydd wedi cael eu dosbarthu am ddim i blant yng Nghymru ers sefydlu'r 'Cynllun Brwshys Dannedd Am Ddim' gan Lywodraeth Cymru; a fydddech yn rhoi ffigurau ar gyfer pob blwyddyn ariannol y mae'r polisi wedi bod yn weithredol ynddi gan gynnwys y flwyddyn ariannol gyfredol hyd yma. (WAQ58471)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many free toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste have been issued to children in Wales since the establishment of the 'Free Toothbrush Scheme' by the Welsh Government; please give figures for each financial year in which the policy has been operational including the current financial year to date. (WAQ58471)

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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths):** The Designed to Smile Programme is more than simply teaching children how to brush their teeth. The scheme provides direct clinical interventions that have been shown to prevent decay and is effectively a fluoride delivery programme.

In each classroom where tooth brushing is taking place, the NHS Community Dental Service aims to provide each child with two home packs per school/nursery year. The home packs contain a toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste in order to facilitate and encourage children to continue brushing in their home environment.

The following table provides the total number of home packs distributed for each financial year of the scheme from October 2008 up to March 2011:

Financial Year	Number of Home Packs Distributed
2008 - 2009	2,523
2009 - 2010	30,603
2010 - 2011	156,860
<b>Total</b>	<b>189,986</b>

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** A yw'r cynnig i sefydlu canolfan iechyd ar hen safle Ysgol Arbennig Belmont ar Mill Lane, Bwcle, wedi cael ei atal oherwydd polisi Llywodraeth Cymru i beidio â defnyddio arian preifat yn y GIG. (WAQ58474)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Has the proposal to establish a health centre on the former Belmont Special School site on Mill Lane, Buckley, been stopped as a result of the Welsh Government's policy not to use private money in the NHS. (WAQ58474)

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa bryd y mae'r Gweinidog yn disgwyl gwneud penderfyniad ynglyn â'r cynnig gan Fwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr i ddatblygu hen safle Ysgol Arbennig Belmont ar Mill Lane, Bwcle. (WAQ58475)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** When does the Minister expect to make a determination on the proposal from Betsi Cadwaladr UHB to develop the former Belmont Special School site on Mill Lane, Buckley. (WAQ58475)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 13 Ionawr 2012*  
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**Lesley Griffiths:** I can confirm the Buckley Health Centre bid is being progressed by the developer and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. The Welsh Government has not previously agreed any funding for the new Health Centre. A bid has been submitted to the Welsh Government and after scrutiny my officials have requested additional information from both parties. This information is still outstanding.

**Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Sut mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn mesur effeithiolrwydd gwasanaethau rhoi'r gorau i ysmegu yng Nghymru. (WAQ58477)

**Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** How is the Welsh Government measuring the efficacy of Welsh smoking cessation services. (WAQ58477)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** Public Health Wales collects smoking cessation data which enables my officials to monitor the efficacy of Stop Smoking Wales, the Welsh smoking cessation service which they deliver. In December I presented Wales' first Tobacco Control Action Plan to the National Assembly for Wales. The Action Plan will ensure Public Health Wales liaises with Health Boards and others to expand the data collection to include a wider range of smoking cessation services and interventions to better inform local and national planning.

The aim of the Action Plan is to drive down adult smoking prevalence levels in Wales to 16% by 2020. Our ultimate vision is for a smoke-free society for Wales in which the harm from tobacco is completely eradicated. We recognise the number of quitters will need to be increased significantly in order to reach this prevalence target. I have therefore set a further target to increase the proportion of smokers accessing NHS smoking cessation services in Wales to 5% of the adult smoking population each year.

In addition, we are also commissioning an independent review of smoking cessation activity in Wales. This review will identify both improvements which could be made to existing work and the further action needed to achieve the prevalence target. I will be reporting back to the National Assembly in June on the progress the review has made.

**Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cynnydd i sefydlu grwp olynol i'r Grwp Cynghori ar Weithredu ym maes Anabledd Dysgu i hyrwyddo materion sy'n ymwneud ag anabledd a rhoi cyngor i Weinidogion. (WAQ58478)

**Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on progress to set up a successor group to the Learning Disability Implementation Advisory Group to champion disability issues and provide advice to Ministers. (WAQ58478)

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**The Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services (Gwenda Thomas):** I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

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**Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion llawn a chynhwysfawr pob ymdrech a wneir gan Lywodraeth Cymru i gynyddu nifer y bobl yng Nghymru sy'n ymuno â'r Gofrestr Rhoddwyr Organau ers datganoli. (WAQ58479)

**Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister provide full and comprehensive details of every effort made by the Welsh Government to increase the number of Welsh people joining the Organ Donor Register since devolution. (WAQ58479)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** Over a number of years, the Welsh Government has worked with a variety of partners including NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT), Donate Wales, Kidney Wales Foundation and a variety of public sector organisations, such as the police and fire services.

We provide funding for the Organ Donor Helpline and bi-lingual literature to promote organ donation and encourage people to join the Organ Donor Register (ODR).

We have also funded a wide variety of organ donation campaigns including those directly organised by the Welsh Government and a number of highly successful campaigns organised by partner organisations NHSBT and three phases of the Donate Wales campaign.

We have in place a comprehensive organ donation communication strategy and continue to actively work to encourage people to join the ODR.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Fesul pob bwrdd iechyd lleol, ac ym mhob un o'r 3 blynedd diwethaf, sawl cais a wnaed gan glinigwyr i ragnodi Abirateone i gleifion sy'n dioddef o ganser y prostad, a sawl un o'r ceisiadau hyn gafodd eu gwrthod. (WAQ58483)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** By local health board, and in each of the last 3 years, how many requests have been made by clinicians to prescribe Abirateone to patients with prostate cancer and how many of these requests were declined. (WAQ58483)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** At the present time we do not have details of the number of requests made by clinicians or whether these requests were approved or declined.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Yn ôl byrddau iechyd lleol, ac ym mhob un o'r 3 blynedd diwethaf, sawl gwaith y mae Abirateone wedi cael ei ragnodi i gleifion y GIG sy'n dioddef o ganser y prostad, a beth oedd cyfanswm y gost. (WAQ58484)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** By local health board, and in each of the last 3 years, how many times has Abirateone been prescribed for NHS patients with prostate cancer and what was the total cost involved. (WAQ58484)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** Abiraterone was licensed in September 2011 and prior to this was only available for use in clinical trials. Since September 2011 it has been issued 273 times from hospitals at a total cost of £129,239. The figure refers to the number of times it was issued from Pharmacy, we do not know how many times it was prescribed, the indication for which it was prescribed, or the number of patients involved.

Numbers of tablets supplied at each issue are not available.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am i ba raddau y mae Abirateone ar gael ac yn cael ei ddefnyddio yn GIG Cymru. (WAQ58485)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the availability and use of Abirateone in the Welsh NHS. (WAQ58485)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** In determining the effectiveness of treatments and the benefits they give to patients, the NHS in Wales is guided by the recommendations of the National Institute for Health and Clinical

Excellence (NICE) and the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG). The AWMSG will appraise abiraterone at their next meeting on 8 February 2012.

Where guidance from NICE and AWMSG is outstanding, patients may still be able to receive abiraterone via the Individual Patient Funding Request process, if they or their clinician can demonstrate grounds of exceptionality.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Yn dilyn adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar Wasanaethau Anhwylder Straen wedi Trawma i Gyn-filwyr, a gyhoeddwyd y llynedd, a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am weithredu'r argymhellion a dderbyniwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ58491)

**Daren Millar (Clwyd West):** Further to the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee report on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Services for Veterans, which was published last year, will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations accepted by the Welsh Government. (WAQ58491)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** Good progress is being made against a range of the recommendations. However, officials are currently undertaking a review and I will write to you with further details in due course.

**Mark Drakeford (Gorllewin Caerdydd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dyddiad ar gyfer cyhoeddi'r adroddiad gan y Grwp Cynghori Gweinidogol ar Urddas, a phryd y bydd yr argymhellion sydd wedi'u nodi ynddo yn cael eu gweithredu. (WAQ58492)

**Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West):** Will the Minister provide a date for the publication of the report by the Ministerial Dignity Advisory Group, and when the recommendations contained therein will be acted upon. (WAQ58492)

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**The Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services (Gwenda Thomas):** The Dignity in Care Programme launched in October 2007 and ran up to April 2011 with Welsh Government funding of £300,000. On 5 September 2011, the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services published the independent reports on the Dignity in Care Programme (available at <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/olderpeople/publications/dignityincare/?lang=en>). These evidenced significant progress. The further work highlighted will now be taken forward in the development of the Strategy for Older People Phase 3 and the implementation of our reform programme for Social Services.

All of the recommendations in the Older People's Commissioner for Wales report 'Dignified Care?' applied to Local Health Boards, Velindre NHS Trust and the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust and their associated Local Authorities. Five recommendations applied to Welsh Government. All bodies were required to submit action plans to the Commissioner who then used a panel of experts to determine whether the described actions were appropriate and sufficient. All action plans and additional information were posted on the Commissioner's website. The review was officially completed at the end of October 2011. The Commissioner is now working with Welsh Government officials, including Health Inspectorate Wales (HIW) in determining how to monitor implementation of the action plans.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Pa sicrwydd y gall y Gweinidog ei roi y bydd prosesau caffael y GIG yn cynnig y gwerth gorau i'r trethdalwyr. (WAQ58497)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** What assurances is the Minister able to provide that NHS procurement processes offer best value to the taxpayer. (WAQ58497)

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Pryd y cafodd prosesau caffael y GIG eu hadolygu ddiwethaf. (WAQ58498)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** When were the NHS procurement processes last reviewed. (WAQ58498)

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am effeithiolrwydd prosesau caffael y GIG. (WAQ58499)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the effectiveness of NHS procurement processes. (WAQ58499)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** Since 1 April 2011, NHS procurement processes have been managed by the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP). This includes the All-Wales role previously undertaken by Welsh Health Supplies, as well as the procurement teams previously part of individual NHS organisations. A review of existing procurement processes was undertaken during 2010 and 2011 prior to the establishment of the NWSSP Procurement Services Division. The new Division's structure builds on accredited systems, and covers sourcing, purchasing, supply chain, capital equipping and accounts payable.

The NWSSP Procurement Division is undertaking an ongoing review of the effectiveness of NHS procurement processes, in line with the business case which established the NWSSP. This review is identifying improvements which will deliver savings for NHS organisations which can be re-invested in frontline healthcare. As well as improvements in procurement processes, the NHS procurement function is delivering savings in excess of £30 million in 2011-12 through smarter purchasing of supplies for the NHS.

I am confident that the NHS Wales has effective procurement processes, which are being enhanced through the integration into the Shared Services Partnership. The NHS approach is considered best practice within the public sector, and this was evidenced in 2011 when they were awarded the Best Practice in the Public Sector Award at the Wales Quality Awards.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Fesul pob awdurdod lleol, ac ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf, a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion lefelau cyfraddau ffioedd awdurdodau lleol ar gyfer pryd ar glud. (WAQ58500)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** By local authority, and in each of the past five years, will the Minister detail the levels of local authority fee rates for meals on wheels. (WAQ58500)

**Lesley Griffiths:** Information on rates for meals provided in the community is not centrally held. In the last four years, however, two ad-hoc surveys have been carried out on charging policies for non-residential social services. Not all authorities provided information regarding charge rates for meals. Of

the information received, rates for midday meals provided in the home and in day centres ranged between £1.90 and £3.35 in 2008-09, and between £2.30 and £4.50 in 2011-12.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Fesul pob awdurdod lleol, ac ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf, a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion lefelau cyfraddau ffioedd awdurdodau lleol sy'n daladwy i gartrefi gofal yng Nghymru. (WAQ58501)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** By local authority, and in each of the past five years, will the Minister detail the levels of local authority fee rates payable to care homes in Wales. (WAQ58501)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The figures requested are not held centrally. Fee levels are a matter of negotiation between local authority commissioners and care home providers.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Ym mhob un o'r 10 mlynedd diwethaf, faint o ymwelwyr iechyd oedd yng Nghymru, ac a ellir rhoi'r ateb yn ôl swyddi cyfwerth ag amser llawn, gan roi ffigurau ar gyfer holl sefydliadau'r GIG. (WAQ58502)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** In each of the past 10 years, how many health visitors were there in Wales, and can the answer be provided in full-time equivalent posts giving figures for each NHS organisation. (WAQ58502)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The information is available on the StatsWales website at [http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/ReportFolders.aspx?IF\\_ActivePath=P,280,1274,3596,3604](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/ReportFolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,280,1274,3596,3604)

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau (a) ei bod wedi cael cais am gymeradwyaeth derfynol ar gyfer y Ganolfan Iechyd ym Mwcle; (b) a yw'r problemau sy'n bodoli ers amser maith rhwng Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr a'r datblygwr wedi cael eu datrys, ac (c) a yw'r cyllid y cytunwyd arno'n wreiddiol ar gyfer y prosiect rai blynyddoedd yn ôl yn dal ar gael. (WAQ58509)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Minister confirm (a) receipt of an application for final approval for the Health Centre in Buckley; (b) whether long-standing issues between Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and the developer have been resolved, and (c) whether funding originally agreed for the project some years ago is still in place and available. (WAQ58509)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** I can confirm the Buckley Health Centre bid is being progressed by the developer and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. The Welsh Government has not previously agreed any funding for the new Health Centre. A bid has been submitted to the Welsh Government and after scrutiny my officials have requested additional information from both parties. This information is still outstanding.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Faint o bobl yng Nghymru sy'n cael Budd-dal Analluogrwydd/Lwfans Anabledd Difrifol oherwydd poen cefn yn sgil anhwylderau cyhyrsgerbydol. (WAQ50513)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many people in Wales are receiving Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement (IB/SDA) for back pain of musculoskeletal disorders. (WAQ58513)

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Faint o bobl sy'n hawlio Lwfans Cyflogaeth a Chymorth oherwydd clefydau'n ymwneud â'r system Cyhyrsgerbydol a'r Meinweoedd Cysylltiol. (WAQ50514)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many people claiming Employment and Support Allowance do so due to diseases of the Musculoskeletal system and Connective Tissue. (WAQ58514)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** We do not collect centrally the statistics required (they are collected by the Department for Work and Pensions) as this is non devolved issue.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Sawl diwrnod o absenoldeb oherwydd salwch a gofnodwyd ar gyfer staff y GIG ym mhob un o'r Byrddau Iechyd Lleol yng Nghymru ar gyfer (a) pob cyflwr a (b) cyflyrau cyhyrsgerbydol. (WAQ50515)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many sickness absence days were recorded for NHS staff at each of the Local Health Boards in Wales for (a) all conditions and (b) musculoskeletal conditions. (WAQ58515)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The number of days of sickness absence for all conditions recorded for NHS staff in Wales is shown in the table. These figures are based on an extract downloaded from the NHS Electronic Staff Record detailing the number of days usually worked by a member of staff and the number of days of sickness absence.

Sickness absence rates are calculated by dividing the total number of sickness absence days by the total number of available days for each group.

Quarterly information on sickness absence rates is published at <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/statistics/2011/111129sdr2242011en.pdf>

<b>Sickness absence April 2011 to June 2011</b>	Sickness days	Days available to work	Sickness absence rate
All Health Boards and NHS Trusts in Wales	309,887	6,548,757	4.7
Betsi Cadwaladr University LHB	57,567	1,260,113	4.6
Powys Teaching LHB	5,006	136,052	3.7
Hywel Dda LHB	29,809	676,314	4.4
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University LHB	61,138	1,212,550	5.0
Cwm Taf LHB	30,789	658,954	4.7

Aneurin Bevan LHB	45,497	960,410	4.7
Cardiff and Vale University LHB	56,615	1,142,492	5.0
Public Health Wales NHS Trust	3,083	96,368	3.2
Velindre NHS Trust	4,590	154,403	3.0
Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust	15,793	251,101	6.3

**Note**

While lower sickness absence rates, in general, indicate lower levels of sickness absence it should be noted that lower rates can also indicate under reporting of sickness absence. It should also be noted that sickness absence is subject to marked seasonal variation.

We do not collect information broken down by condition.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A yw'r Gweinidog wedi asesu gweithredu Canllaw NICE ar Boen Meingefn (CG88) ac a wnaiff ddatganiad. (WAQ50516)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Has the Minister assessed the implementation of the NICE Guidance on Low Back Pain (CG88) and will she make a statement. (WAQ58516)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The NHS Delivery and Support Unit has been working closely with health boards to develop a patient centred back pain pathway consistent with NICE guidance. This is currently in the process of being implemented across Wales but it will of course take time for the guidance to be fully implemented

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa brosesau sydd ar waith i rannu arfer gorau ar gyfer trin cyflyrau cyhyrsgerbydol yn y GIG ar sail drawsffiniol rhwng Cymru a Lloegr. (WAQ50517)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What processes are in place to share best practice for the treatment of musculoskeletal conditions in the NHS on a cross border basis between England and Wales. (WAQ58517)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The sharing of medical best practice for the treatment of musculoskeletal conditions is facilitated through professional bodies such as the Royal Colleges and the British Medical Association. There are no formal arrangements in place for sharing best practice on a cross-border basis between England and Wales but there are regular UK wide summits and conferences where learning and best practice is shared between the devolved governments.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi cyngor ynghylch nifer y swyddi gwag ar gyfer deintyddion ym mhob ardal bwrdd iechyd lleol, ar gyfer pob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf y mae ffigurau ar gael ar eu cyfer. (WAQ50518)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister advise the number of vacancies for dentists in each local health board area for each of the last five years for which figures are available. (WAQ58518)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The majority of dentists are independent self-employed practitioners who choose to contract a proportion of their time to provide NHS treatment on behalf of LHBs. As such we do not hold data on vacancies in general dental practices.

For salaried dentists in the Community and Hospital Dental Services information is not held centrally on the number of vacancies.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am wasanaethau deintyddol y GIG sy'n cael eu darparu yng Nghymru. (WAQ50519)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of NHS dental services in Wales. (WAQ58519)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** Local Health Boards (LHBs) are responsible for the provision of NHS dental services to meet local needs and the wider oral health agenda. This must be achieved through a finite budget allocation, although funding for NHS dentistry has increased by over 60% between 2004-05 and 2009-10. The ability of patients to access NHS dental services has improved significantly in recent years. Hywel Dda LHB has seen significant growth in access to NHS dental services since 2006 with over 40,000 additional patients regularly receiving NHS care. Betsi Cadwaladr LHB and Powys LHBs have seen rises of over 20,000 and 10,000 respectively during the same period.

In some LHB areas there are localities where access to NHS dentistry can be difficult. We want to see further progress toward a position where everyone who wants access to NHS dental care will be able to get it. The Programme for Government underlines our commitment to improve dental access and to tackle oral health inequalities in our most vulnerable communities. The new dental teaching unit in Mountain Ash, which opened this month, is a significant development that will help to improve NHS dental access for patients in the South Wales Valleys.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Sawl menyw yng Nghymru gafodd lawdriniaeth ar y fron gan ddefnyddio mewnbliadau silicon yn 2009, 2010 a 2011. (WAQ50520)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many women in Wales underwent breast surgery using silicone implants in 2009, 2010 and 2011. (WAQ58520)

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Sawl menyw yng Nghymru gafodd lawdriniaeth ar y fron yn 2009, 2010 a 2011 lle'r oedd angen defnyddio mewnbliadau silicon a wnaed gan Poly Implants Protheses. (WAQ50521)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** How many women in Wales who underwent breast surgery in 2009, 2010 and 2011 requiring silicone implants produced by Poly Implants Protheses. (WAQ58521)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the Internet.

*Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad*

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**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi cyngor ynghylch nifer y deintyddion ym mhob ardal Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol, sy'n darparu gwasanaethau deintyddol y GIG mewn practisiau deintyddol ar gyfer pob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf y mae ffigurau ar gael ar eu cyfer. (WAQ50522)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister advise the number of dentists in each of the Local Health Board areas providing NHS dental services in dental practices in each of the last five years for which figures are available. (WAQ58522)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The numbers of NHS General Dental Practitioners (GDPs) who had some NHS activity during the year by Local Health Board (LHB) are published in the following Welsh Government Statistical Releases:

Current LHBs:

**NHS Dental Statistics, 2010–11:**

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2011/110818/?lang=en>

Pre-reorganisation LHBs:

**NHS Dental Statistics, 2008-09:**

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2009/hdw20090819/?lang=en>

These publications also include background information about these workforce statistics.

Associateb StatsWales tables are available at:

[http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF\\_ActivePath=P,280,1203](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,280,1203)

It should be noted that GDPs are counted in every LHB where they have a contract and therefore can be counted more than once. This explains the difference between the all-Wales totals and those for the individual LHBs.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** Pa ganran o fenywod a gafodd lawdriniaeth ar y fron gan ddefnyddio mewnbliadau silicon yn 2009, 2010 a 2011 a wynebodd y mewnbliadau hynny'n gollwng ar ôl y driniaeth. (WAQ50523)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What percentage of women who underwent breast surgery involving the use of silicone implants in 2009, 2010 and 2011 experienced subsequent leakage from those implants. (WAQ58523)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the Internet.

*Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad*  
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***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth***  
***To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage***

**Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu manylion aelodaeth bwrdd llywodraethu'r Gronfa Buddsoddi mewn Adfywio ers ei chreu. (WAQ58480)

**Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide details of the membership of the governing board of the Regeneration Investment Fund since its creation. (WAQ58480)

**Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa asedau sydd wedi cael eu trosglwyddo o Lywodraeth Cymru i Gronfa Buddsoddi Cymru mewn Adfywio. (WAQ58481)

**Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister outline what assets have been transferred to the Regeneration Investment Fund for Wales from the Welsh Government. (WAQ58481)

**Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa fuddsoddiad y mae Bwrdd Buddsoddi Cymru mewn Adfywio wedi ei wneud ers ei greu. (WAQ58482)

**Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister outline what investment the Regeneration Investment Board for Wales has made since its creation. (WAQ58482)

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**The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis):** The Management Board of the Regeneration Investment Fund for Wales comprises five members. The Welsh Government has two places on the Board for senior officials. One place is currently vacant as the member of staff has left the organisation. Arrangements are in hand to appoint a successor. The remaining four members have been in place since inception (January 2011). They are:

- Ceri Breeze, Welsh Government (Chair)
- Cllr Chris Holley, Swansea City Council and spokesperson on regeneration and Europe for the Welsh Local Government Association
- Richard Anning, Sydney and London Properties
- Jonathan Geen, Acuity Legal (formerly M&A Solicitors)

The assets transferred to the Regeneration Investment Fund consist of a portfolio of land owned by Welsh Government. The portfolio comprises 18 sites of varying sizes and in different parts of Wales. This, together with a cash input by the Welsh Government has provided the match-funding necessary to draw in funding from the European Regional Development Fund.

The Fund has not made any investments to date but a healthy pipeline of potential projects has been developed in its first year. A number of applications are at an advanced stage of assessment and negotiation. The Fund Managers anticipate that a significant proportion of these will provide viable investment opportunities over the course of the next year.

**David Rees (Aberafan):** Pa gamau gweithredu y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi eu cymryd i flaenoriaethu ac i gefnogi cyn bersonél y lluoedd arfog sy'n chwilio am dai yng Nghymru. (WAQ58507)

**David Rees (Aberavon):** What actions has the Welsh Government taken to prioritise and support ex-service personnel who are seeking housing in Wales. (WAQ58507)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 16 Ionawr 2012***

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**Huw Lewis:** The Welsh Government is committed to delivering “The Nation’s Commitment: Cross-Government Support to our Armed Forces, their Families and Veterans” 2008 (Service Command Paper), issued by the Ministry of Defence.

Service personnel who have been seriously injured or disabled in action and who have an urgent need for social housing should be given priority within local authorities’ allocation schemes. This commitment was included in the updateb ‘Code of Guidance for Local Authorities on Allocation of Accommodation and Homelessness’, which was the subject of a recent consultation.

We have asked social housing providers to make service personnel a priority group within shared equity, “Low Cost Home Ownership” and intermediate housing schemes. We are also encouraging local authorities use their Social Housing Grant to target “Do-It-Yourself Homebuy” at service personnel provided they meet the eligibility criteria. Any lump sums paid to eligible service personnel as a result of illness or injury are disregarded when assessing eligibility and sustainability.

We have funded the development of a web-based resource which provides comprehensive information on services for veterans which can be used to help prevent and alleviate homelessness. This service is operated by Cymorth, and will be updateb annually. It can be accessed at:

<http://services.cymorthcymru.org.uk/>

**David Rees (Aberafan):** Pa gyllid sydd ar gael i gyn bersonél y lluoedd arfog fel y gellid addasu cartrefi er mwyn rhoi cyfle i'r rheini sy'n anabl fyw'n annibynnol, ac a fydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn cefnogi grantiau blaenoriaeth i unigolion o'r fath i sicrhau y caiff cyn bersonél y lluoedd arfog eu helpu cyn gynted â phosibl. (WAQ58508)

**David Rees (Aberavon):** What funding is available to ex-service personnel so that home adaptations could be made to allow those disabled to live independently and will the Welsh Government be supporting prioritisation grants to such individuals to ensure ex-service personnel are helped as quickly as possible. (WAQ58508)

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**Huw Lewis:** Ex-service personnel who require adaptations to their homes can apply for Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) from the local authorities in the areas where they live. The grants are a mandatory entitlement and are funded out of local authority General Capital Funding (GCF) provided by the Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government introduced amendments to the Housing Renewal Regulations in May 2009 which now mean that where a member of the armed forces receives specified retired pay or a pension under the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 2006 and constant attendance allowance, the amounts so received are disregarded in the determination of income other than earnings in the means-test for DFGs.

The revised regulations exempt both War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Payments from the means test for DFGs. These were both proposals which were contained within the 2008 MoD Command Paper.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau***  
***To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities***

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** A yw'r Gweinidog wedi gwneud unrhyw fath o asesiad effaith ar gydraddoldeb o ran diweddy Fenter Tocynnau Teithio Rhatach ar Drafnidiaeth Gymunedol. (WAQ58472)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Has the Minister undertaken any form of equality impact assessment regarding the end of the Community Transport Concessionary Fares Initiative. (WAQ58472)

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**The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant):** The Community Transport Concessionary Fares Initiative is a pilot that covers 15 local community transport projects. We have followed the Welsh Government's Inclusive Policy Making tool to complete an assessment of the impact of closing the scheme on the people who qualify for free travel on the services. Extending the scheme is unaffordable as we face very tight spending constraints. We are now considering innovative and more affordable ways to support the community transport sector across Wales.

**Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Sut mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn asesu effaith 'Parthau Dim Galw Diwahoddiad', ac a oes gan y Gweinidog unrhyw gynlluniau i gyflwyno rhagor o barthau. (WAQ58473)

**Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** How is the Welsh Government assessing the impact of 'No Cold Calling Zones', and does the Minister have any plans to introduce further zones. (WAQ58473)

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**Carl Sargeant:** No work has yet been carried out on assessing the impact of 'No Cold Calling Zones' because a decision was taken to prioritise the implementation of the commitment to fund an additional 500 CSOs, as one of the Welsh Government's Five for a Fairer Future. However, we recognise the importance of this initiative and work will commence in 2012-13 once the CSO commitment is well advanced. I will ensure Members are kept informed of progress.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** Yn dilyn ei lythyr i Aelodau'r Cynulliad, a anfonwyd ar 8 Rhagfyr, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o gostau (i) dylunio, (ii) cynhyrchu a (iii) dosbarthu'r matiau cwrw hyrwyddo, gan gynnwys y rheini a anfonwyd i swyddfeydd Aelodau. (WAQ58505)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Further to his letter to Assembly Members distributed on 8th December will the Minister provide a breakdown of the costs of (i) designing, (ii) producing and (iii) distributing the promotional beer mats, including those sent to Members' offices. (WAQ58505)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 17 Ionawr 2012***  
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**Carl Sargeant:** 40,000 mats were printed to be used in late December 2011 and early part of 2012 to support the Live Fear Free campaign aimed at raising awareness and challenging attitudes towards domestic abuse in Wales and providing information on support available.

Design work was undertaken in-house at no cost. Production of the 40,000 mats cost £4070. Distribution and despatch was also mainly cost free and undertaken with partners. £430 was spent on remaining distribution

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Yn sgil datganiad y Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Cenedlaethol sydd wedi'i ail-flaenoriaethu, a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi amserlen fanwl i mi ar gyfer Prosiect Ffordd Osgoi y Drenewydd. (WAQ58506)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** In the light of the reprioritised National Transport Plan statement, will the Minister provide me with the detailed timeline of the Newtown Bypass Project. (WAQ58506)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 13 Ionawr 2012*  
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**Carl Sargeant:** Preparatory work is continuing in respect of the Newtown Bypass project. We are in the process of appointing the Design & Build contractor under an Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) form of Contract. Construction is currently scheduled to start late 2014 /early 2015 subject to the satisfactory completion of the statutory consent process.

**Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Pa fformiwla sy'n cael ei defnyddio gan Lywodraeth Cymru i bennu sut caiff cyllid ei ddyrannu i bob heddlu ar gyfer recriwtio Swyddogion Cymorth Cymunedol newydd yr Heddlu. (WAQ50511)

**Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** What formula is being used by the Welsh Government to determine the allocation of funding to each police force for the recruitment of new PCSOS. (WAQ58511)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 17 Ionawr 2012*  
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**Carl Sargeant:** The Welsh Government has been working closely with the four Welsh Police Forces and British Transport Police to agree the allocations of the additional 500 Community Support Officers and the arrangements for funding the new posts. We have reached mutual agreement about the number of posts to be allocated to each force. The split for the four Welsh Police Forces is broadly in line with the proportions of central grant funding which they currently receive.

The forces will be recruiting, training and deploying the new staff at different paces, reflecting their different capacities to take on new staff and other operational considerations. The forces will reach full deployment of their allocations at different times and, as such, it would not be appropriate to allocate the funding by formula. The funding is therefore being provided on the basis of the actual costs incurred by each force. The arrangements are being overseen by a joint board of representatives from the police forces, police authorities and the Welsh Government and will be kept under review.