

BUSINESS PAPERS

Part 1- Section F

Oral Assembly Questions for answer on 10th November 1999

R Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the Assembly Secretary for Education and Children

- 1. Peter Black (South Wales West);** How many schools in Wales have had temporary buildings for longer than ten years. (OAQ1882VB)
- 2. Carwyn Jones (Bridgend);** What plans are there to broaden A level qualifications in Wales. (OAQ1899VB)
- 3. Geraint Davies (Rhondda);** What plans she has to deal with the backlog of repairs needed for Welsh schools. (OAQ1931JS)
- 4. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** How will performance related pay for teachers help to ensure that we achieve equity for all children in Wales. (OAQ1944JS)
- 5. Gareth Jones (Conwy);** What representations from teaching unions, local authorities and other bodies has she received regarding the new assessment for entry into the upper pay spine. (OAQ1943JS)
- 6. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Whether she will make a statement about her intentions with regard to the future of A levels in Wales. (OAQ1886VB)
- 7. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** If average class sizes for school years 7 to 11 have increased or decreased since 1997. (OAQ1903VB)
- 8. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** Whether she has any information to enable her to make a comparison between the cost to Local Authorities of using PFI and the cost to Local Education Authorities of using traditional sources of capital funding. (OAQ1937JS) [w]

- 9. Michael German (South Wales East);** What advice she has given local education authorities on the use of French beef in schools canteens. (OAQ1894VB)
- 10. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);** What are the funding arrangements for the proposed Performance Management Framework in Wales. (OAQ1941JS)
- 11. Alison Halford (Delyn);** If she will outline specific proposals to combat bullying in Welsh Schools. (OAQ1884VB)
- 12. Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);** What is the average class size for 8-11 year olds in Wales. (OAQ1935JS)
- 13. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);** What representations has she received from organisations and institutions regarding the performance management framework since its publication. (OAQ1940JS)
- 14. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** What plans does she have to encourage LEA's to reduce the numbers of pupil exclusions. (OAQ1933JS)
- 15. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** How will she ensure that judgements made by external assessors regarding teachers performance thresholds are fair and consistent under the performance management framework. (OAQ1938JS)
- 16. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central);** What percentage of those who take A levels in Wales last year studied modern foreign languages compared with the percentage in England. (OAQ1910JS)
- 17. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** What are the implications for centralised funding of Sixth Forms proposed by the ETAG report for the overall financial position of Secondary Schools. (OAQ1934JS)
- 18. Sue Essex (Cardiff North);** What role do you see for playgroups and childminders alongside formal nursery provision for pre-school age children. (OAQ1896VB)
- 19. Jane Davidson (Pontypridd);** In light of the Sports Councils Report "Time Out: Is PE out of time and out of resources", which shows the drop in the time allocated to PE in Secondary Schools, what will she do to actively encourage Local Authorities to produce policies and guidelines detailing the provision of Physical Education in schools. (OAQ1936JS)
- 20. Peter Rogers (North Wales);** What plans are there to encourage foreign language teaching in Wales. (OAQ1895VB)

- 21. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West):** How will PRP contribute to the sharing of good practice in schools. (OAQ1939JS)
- 22. Gareth Jones (Conwy):** What assurances can she give that the performance related pay will enhance a community ethos in Welsh Schools. (OAQ1942JS)
- 23. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** If she has estimated the administration costs to schools, LEAs and the Assembly of implementing her Consultation Paper *Delivering the BEST for Teaching and Learning*. (OAQ1902VB)
- 24. David Melding (South Wales Central);** If average secondary school class sizes in South Wales Central were higher in January 1999 than January 1997. (OAQ1900VB)
- 25. Peter Black (South Wales West);** How many schools in Wales have outside toilets. (OAQ1883VB)
- 26. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** What plans she has to encourage LEAs with the worst record on unauthorised school absences to tackle the problem more effectively. (OAQ1909JS)
- 27. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** Will she set any targets for local authorities for the provision of safely equipped school playgrounds for children. (OAQ1891VB)
- 28. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Whether she will make a statement about the closure of schools in rural Wales. (OAQ1885VB)

To ask the Assembly Secretary for Agriculture and Rural Development

1. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire); How many applications has the National Assembly received with regard to the Organic Aid Scheme in Wales. (OAQ1927JS)

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): To ask the Assembly Secretary for Agriculture and Rural Development if she will respond to Friends of the Earth's legal opinion regarding the Assembly's authority over GM crop trials in Wales. (OAQ1908JS)

3. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire); What steps are being taken to identify agriculture projects which could benefit from Objective 1 and 2 funding. (OAQ1929JS)

4. Peter Rogers (North Wales); What is being done to ensure Welsh farmers are adequately prepared for the impact that the agenda 2000 beef reforms will have on their businesses. (OAQ1897VB)

- 5. Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);** Will she give a commitment to increase the budget planned for agri-environment schemes in Wales in the year 2000-2001. (OAQ1923JS)
- 6. Christine Humphreys (North Wales);** In what way does she now intend to use the £750,000 that had previously been ear-marked for the implementation of a calf processing scheme in Wales. (OAQ1928JS)
- 7. Michael German (South Wales East);** What plans are there to improve the provision of community help and advice phone lines for rural communities throughout Wales. (OAQ1892VB)
- 8. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central);** Are there any firm proposals to review the incentives available for farmers who wish to convert to organic production. (OAQ1911JS)
- 9. Jane Davidson (Pontypridd);** Does she have any plans, when dealing with issues of rights of way, where the local council unanimously supports the Modification Order, to resolve more disputes by written determination. (OAQ1922JS)
- 10. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** How many farms have been accepted on the Tir Gofal scheme. (OAQ1916JS) [w]
- 11. Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);** Will she give her backing to a campaign calling on Welsh people to boycott French produce. (OAQ1924JS)
- 12. Peter Black (South Wales West);** What discussions has she had with the Secretary of State for Agriculture and the European Commission with regards to the continuing ban on the export of British beef to France. (OAQ1880VB)
- 13. Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Mon);** What is the proportion of expenditure on the Tir Gofal scheme that is expected to be refunded to the National Assembly by the EU from the Guarantee component of the EAGGF. (OAQ1905JS)
- 14. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr);** What steps has she taken to respond to the need to lift the ban on the export of live animals as a positive response to the crisis in the industry. (OAQ1919JS) [w]
- 15. Peter Black (South Wales West);** Will she consider removing the charge for milk and dairy inspections so as to reduce costs for Welsh farmers. (OAQ1881VB)
- 16. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** What plans are there to assist the launch of the all All-Wales Farmer-Owned co-operative. (OAQ1930JS)

- 17. Carwyn Jones (Bridgend);** What plans are there to lessen dependence on cheese production as a market for raw milk. (OAQ1890VB)
- 18. Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South);** If she has any plans to pay dairy inspection charges from public funds to bring Wales in line with the administrations of Scotland and Ireland. (OAQ1912JS)
- 19. Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Mon);** What plans has she to improve the price and market outlet of Welsh wool. (OAQ1904VB)
- 20. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr);** Has she had any discussions with the Ministry of Defence regarding the supply of Welsh lamb to the armed services. (OAQ1920JS)
- 21. David Melding (South Wales Central);** What measures she is taking to help increase the level of farm incomes in Wales. (OAQ1901VB)
- 22. Jane Davidson (Pontypridd);** Can the Secretary detail the guidelines that determine whether a written determination or a public inquiry is held in Rights of Way issues. (OAQ1926JS)
- 23. Janet Davies (South Wales West);** How many farming businesses have applied for financial support from the Organic Farming Scheme; how many will be successful; and how much financial aid can they expect to receive if their application is successful. (OAQ1921JS)
- 24. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Whether she will make a statement regarding falling incomes in rural Wales and her policy in relation to this situation. (OAQ1888VB)
- 25. Janet Davies (South Wales West);** Is it a policy to encourage organic farmers to participate in the Tir Gofal scheme. (OAQ1925JS)
- 26. Carwyn Jones (Bridgend);** What progress is being made on the "Sustainable Parks in Wales" scheme. (OAQ1889VB)
- 27. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);** Has she held any discussions with the Home Secretary regarding ways of lifting the ban on live exports. (OAQ1913JS) [w]
- 28. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** How much new employment will the Tir Gofal Scheme create in each year of the scheme's operation. (OAQ1915JS) [w]
- 29. Michael German (South Wales East);** What is the advice of the Medical Officer of Health

for Wales on the safety to public health of consuming beef imported from France.
(OAQ1893VB)

30. Cynog Dafis (Mid and West Wales); What plans does she have to ensure that ewe prices stabilise and increase. (OAQ1918JS) [w]