

**Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 3 May for answer on  
17 May 2001**

**R Signifies the Member has declared an interest.**

**W Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.**

**(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)**

To the Assembly Secretary for Culture and Sport

- 1. Christine Gwyther (Carmarthen West & South Pems);** Can she make a statement on visitor figures to the national museums and galleries of Wales. (OAQ11403)
- 2. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);** What plans is she considering in relation to the Regional Film Commissions. (OAQ11462)
- 3. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** What plans does she have for the development of Regional Film Commission activity in Wales. (OAQ11447)
- 4. Alison Halford (Delyn);** Would the Minister make a statement about the use of the Welsh language within the Assembly. (OAQ11476) **WITHDRAWN**
- 5. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** Will the Minister commission research to discover the effect on other museums in Wales resulting from granting free entry to the National Museums and Galleries of Wales sites. (OAQ11414) **W**
- 6. William Graham (South Wales East);** Will the Minister make a statement concerning any discussions she has had concerning the Cardiff Devils ice hockey team. (OAQ11411)
- 7. Val Feld (Swansea East);** Will the Minister make a statement on any discussions held with relevant bodies about the possible use of European Structural Funds for sporting provision in Wales. (OAQ11483)
- 8. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);** What representation will Wales have on OFCOM following the establishment of the new regulatory framework through the proposed broadcasting and communications legislation. (OAQ11492)
- 9. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen);** Will the Minister make a statement on visitor numbers to Big Pit since the introduction of free access to National Museums and Galleries in Wales. (OAQ11465)

- 10. Peter Black (South Wales West);** What recent discussions has she had regarding the condition of the Millennium Stadium pitch. (OAQ11444) **WITHDRAWN**
- 11. Peter Law (Blaenau Gwent);** What support she is giving to public horticultural establishments in Wales. (OAQ11471)
- 12. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);** What action will the Minister towards ensuring a reduction in levels of bureaucracy following the restructuring of the Arts Council. (OAQ11486) **W**
- 13. Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire);** Has there been an increase in visitor numbers to the National Museum and Galleries of Wales following the granting of free admission by the National Assembly earlier this year. (OAQ11401) **WITHDRAWN**
- 14. Peter Rogers (North Wales);** What plans exist for the exhibition of national art in North Wales. (OAQ11445)
- 15. Pauline Jarman (South Wales Central);** Will she make a statement on the financial implications of the decentralisation policy in the restructuring of the Arts Council for Wales. (OAQ11490)
- 16. Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South);** What has been the effect of the introduction of free entry to National Museums in Wales to visitor numbers. (OAQ11409)
- 17. John Griffiths (Newport East);** What strategy is being followed to promote sporting excellence in Wales. (OAQ11472)
- 18. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** Has she given consideration to the creation of a Football Taskforce for Wales. (OAQ11460)
- 19. Christine Gwyther (Carmarthen West & South Pems);** Can she make a statement on National Assembly support for the arts in Wales. (OAQ11402) **WITHDRAWN**
- 20. David Melding (South Wales Central);** When the administration will establish an Assembly award for Artistic School of the Year. (OAQ11479)
- 21. Rosemary Butler (Newport West);** What talks has the Minister had to discuss the possibility of the Millennium Stadium being the permanent venue for the FA Cup. (OAQ11407)
- 22. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** Will the Minister make a statement on the Wales Millennium Centre. (OAQ11458)

- 23. Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney);** Can the Minister confirm her support in principle for the development of community based cinema facilities and projects in deprived communities. (OAQ11464)
- 24. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** How many new jobs will be created following the restructuring of the Arts Council of Wales. (OAQ11485) **W**
- 25. Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli)** To make a brief statement on the importance of broadcasting and communications in the cultural life of Wales. (OAQ11493)**WITHDRAWN**
- 26. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen and East Dinefwr);** Can she explain how OFCOM will work and consult with the National Assembly under the proposed broadcasting and communications legislation. (OAQ11489)**WITHDRAWN**
- 27. Peter Black (South Wales West);** How can lottery funding help Councils improve local parks. (OAQ11443) **R**
- 28. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);** What plans does she have to assist the future of the Welsh Publishing industry. (OAQ11461)
- 29. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** Will the Minister make a statement on any priority changes she has made in her portfolio as a result of Foot and Mouth. (OAQ11457)
- 30. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** If the administration will establish a National Gallery of Modern Art. (OAQ11481)

To the Assembly Secretary for Rural Affairs

- 1. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);** How much does the Forestry Commission spend each year on replanting after clear felling. (OAQ11468)
- 2. Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire);** Were any site specific studies undertaken prior to the decision to designate GM trial sites at Mathry, Pembs. (OAQ11417)
- 3. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** Can he make a statement on any discussions he has had with MAFF to restructure the farming industry in Wales. (OAQ11497)
- 4. Janet Ryder (North Wales);** What discussions have you had with the European Commission regarding GM crop trials in Wales. (OAQ11500)
- 5. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd);** Will he make a statement on the launch of 'Farming Connect'.

(OAQ11436)

**6. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** Can he make a statement on the progress being made by the Task and Finish Group to revitalise the Agriculture Industry post foot and mouth. (OAQ11505)

**7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);** Can he outline his long term strategy for reviving the agriculture industry that has been deeply affected by the current foot and mouth crisis. (OAQ11507)

**8. Christine Gwyther (Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire);** What discussions has he had with his Westminster colleagues about the setting up of a fodder scheme for future agricultural emergencies in Wales. (OAQ 11418) **WITHDRAWN**

**9. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Will he launch a long-term strategy to facilitate the recovery of Welsh agriculture following the foot and mouth outbreak. (OAQ11431) **WITHDRAWN**

**10. Eleanor Burham (North Wales);** Will the Minister produce a 'Rural Vision' for Wales. (OAQ11470)

**11. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);** Can he provide an update of the foot and mouth crisis. (OAQ11498)

**12. David Davies (Monmouth);** If there will be a review of procedures within the Assembly's agriculture department in the aftermath of the foot and mouth crisis. (OAQ11435)

**13. John Griffiths (Newport East);** What steps are being taken to promote the rapid regeneration of the farming Industry in Wales. (OAQ 11494)

**14. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** Of the livestock produced on Welsh farms, what percentage is slaughtered and processed in Wales. (OAQ11438) **W**

**15. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** Will he make a statement on the development of the Welsh Meat Company. (OAQ11450)

**16. Peter Rogers (North Wales);** Has he received requests from the Intervention Board that Penhesgyn landfill site should be used for the disposal of carcasses slaughtered under the livestock Welfare Disposal Scheme. (OAQ11440) **R**

**17. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** What plans does the Minister have to enable farmers to restock their farms after the Foot-and-Mouth crisis. (OAQ11496)

- 18. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** Can the Minister tell me how many times he has exercised his powers under The Prescribed Waste (Wales) Regulations 2001. (OAQ11453)
- 19. William Graham (South Wales East);** What measures will the Minister introduce to ensure the agricultural and dairy produce of Wales regains its universal acceptance for quality and standards of production. (OAQ11474)
- 20. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd);** Will he make a statement on the role of co-operatives in Welsh Agriculture. (OAQ11463)
- 21. Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney);** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress towards arranging the next meeting of the Farming Futures group to discuss and define the long-term future of Welsh agriculture. (OAQ11475)
- 22. Cynog Dafis (Mid & West Wales);** Can he make a statement on the proposals to restrict the movement of livestock. (OAQ11509) **WITHDRAWN**
- 23. Alison Halford (Delyn);** What measures will be taken to improve the training of Welsh farming families in north Wales particularly with a view to diversification. (OAQ11433)
- 24. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** Will the Minister consider initiating European conference to be held in Wales, about the restriction of GM crops, with other EU regions which have similar aspirations on this issue. (OAQ11510)
- 25. Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney);** What discussions has the Minister had with angling groups and representatives about the future of angling in Wales. (OAQ11477)
- 26. Peter Rogers (North Wales);** Is Welsh Country Foods at Gaerwen on Anglesey being used to slaughter animals on the Livestock Welfare Disposal Scheme. (OAQ11437) **R**
- 27. David Davies (Monmouth);** If there will be a review of the operation of the Intervention Board in Wales. (OAQ11469)
- 28. Christine Gwyther (Carmarthen West & South Pems);** Can he give a progress report on the development of Carmarthen mart. (OAQ11419) **WITHDRAWN**
- 29. Peter Black (South Wales West);** What species of trees and in what proportions, are currently planted by the forestry Commission in Wales. (OAQ 11454)
- 30. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);** What discussions have you had with the Department of the Environment Transport and Regions regarding GM Crops trials in Wales.

(OAQ11499)