

# **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 28 Mehefin 2012**

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 28 June 2012**

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

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a yw'r gwariant canrannol presennol ar gynlluniau amaeth-amgylchedd Echel 2 yn 80 y cant, yn unol â datganiad y Dirprwy Weinidog i'r Cyfarfod Llawn ar 8 Mai, neu'n 70 y cant yn unol ag ymateb y Dirprwy Weinidog i WAQ60404. (WAQ60672)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister confirm whether the current percentage spend on Axis 2 agri-environment schemes is 80%, as per the Deputy Minister's statement to Plenary of 8th May, or 70% as per the Deputy Minister's response to WAQ60404. (WAQ60672)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Mehefin 2012  
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**The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies):** Within my statement to Plenary of 8th May I stated that the current Rural Development Plan has a near 80% focus on Agri Environmental Measures. The majority of these Measures fall under Axis 2 of the RDP. To the end of March 2012 spend on Axis 2 totals 79% of the total spend under the RDP. Current forecasts for the entire programme period show that spend on Axis 2 will be 70% of the total RDP Allocation.

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

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y canllawiau cynefino newydd ar gyfer athrawon newydd gymhwyso cyn iddynt gael eu gweithredu. (WAQ60657)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a Statement on the new induction guidelines for newly qualified teachers prior to their implementation. (WAQ60657)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Mehefin 2012  
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**The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews):** I have considered the outcomes of the consultation. I intend to lay regulations before the Assembly and to issue statutory guidance on the operation of the revised arrangements.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services***

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Fesul bwrdd iechyd lleol, sawl llawdriniaeth a ganslwyd neu a ohiriwyd o ganlyniad i weithredu diwydiannol gan Gymdeithas Feddygol Prydain ar 21 Mehefin 2012. (WAQ60658)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** By local health board, how many operations were cancelled or delayed as a result of the strike action taken by the BMA on 21st June 2012. (WAQ60658)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 28 Mehefin 2012***  
***Answer received for publication on 28 June 2012***

**Lesley Griffiths:** Initial information received by the Welsh Government shows circa 250 operations cancelled or delayed across Wales due to strike action taken by the BMA on 21 June 2012. This ranges from approximately 100 in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg to none in Powys.

I will write to you when I have the full information.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A fydd ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus llawn yn cael ei gynnal ar y cynllun gofal iechyd y llygaid cyn ei lansio'n ffurfiol. (WAQ60659)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will a full public consultation take place on the eye health care plan before it's formal launch. (WAQ60659)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 28 Mehefin 2012***  
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**Lesley Griffiths:** There has been full stakeholder engagement and consultation throughout the development of the eye health care plan. The plan is still currently being developed and consideration will be given to whether additional consultation is required.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Pa ddulliau monitro ac adrodd a fydd ar waith i sicrhau bod y cynllun gofal iechyd y llygaid yn cael ei ddarparu, a beth fydd y canlyniadau i fyrddau iechyd neu gyrff eraill a fydd yn methu â chyflawni'r camau gweithredu yn y cynllun. (WAQ60660)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** What monitoring and reporting mechanisms will be put in place to ensure delivery of the eye health care plan, and what will be the consequences of health boards or other bodies failing to deliver on actions contained within the plan. (WAQ60660)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 28 Mehefin 2012***  
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**Lesley Griffiths:** I will be establishing a Wales Eye Health Care Steering Group to provide direction and ensure delivery of the Eye Health Care Plan. The remit of this group will include monitoring of delivery and there will be regular reports on progress. Health Boards and other key partners are committed to the development and delivery of the Eye Health Care Plan, if there are any issues with delivering actions contained in the plan, this will be formally raised with the respective organisations.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A fydd y cynllun gofal iechyd y llygaid yn gosod meini prawf fyrddau iechyd, y byddant yn atebol iddynt, neu a fydd yn amlinellu safonau arfer gorau yn unig y bydd disgwyl i fyrddau iechyd eu dilyn. (WAQ60661)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the eye health care plan impose criteria on health boards, to which they will be held accountable, or will it only set out standards of best practice which health boards are expected to follow. (WAQ60661)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 28 Mehefin 2012***  
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**Lesley Griffiths:** The Eye Health Care Plan is still currently being developed, however Health Boards will be expected to meet any specified standards for service delivery. If there are any issues delivering against these standards, these will be formally raised at the regular performance meetings between Welsh Government and Health Boards.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A yw Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cyfrifo cost y cynllun i ymestyn oriau agor Meddygfeydd y tu hwnt i'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60662)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Has the cost of the planned extension of GP Surgery opening hours outside core hours of 8am to 6.30pm been calculated by the Welsh Government. (WAQ60662)

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A oes disgwyl i Fyrddau Iechyd Lleol dalu'r gost o ymestyn oriau agor Meddygfeydd y tu hwnt i'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30 o'r cyllidebau presennol. (WAQ60663)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Are Local Health Boards expected to meet the cost of extending GP opening hours beyond core hours of 8am to 6.30pm from within existing budgets. (WAQ60663)

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A fydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn darparu cyllid ychwanegol i helpu Byrddau Iechyd Lleol i ymestyn oriau agor Meddygfeydd y tu hwnt i'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60664)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will there be additional funding from the Welsh Government to help LHB's extend GP opening hours beyond core hours of 8am to 6.30pm. (WAQ60664)

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*Answer received for publication on 27 June 2012*

**Lesley Griffiths:** The intention is to deliver the enhanced GP access commitment within existing budgets. This will be achieved by Health Boards reviewing and realigning current spend on enhanced services to reflect key priority areas such as GP Access.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Pa gyfarwyddyd y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i roi i Fyrddau Iechyd Lleol i'w helpu i lunio cynlluniau i ymestyn oriau agor Meddygfeydd y tu hwnt i'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60665)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What direction has the Welsh Government given to LHB's to help them draw up plans to extend GP opening hours outside of core hours of 8am to 6.30pm. (WAQ60665)

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael gyda Byrddau Iechyd Lleol ynghylch ymestyn oriau agor Meddygfeydd y tu hwnt i'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60666)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What discussions has the Minister had with LHB's about extending GP opening hours outside of core hours of 8am to 6.30pm. (WAQ60666)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Mehefin 2012***

***Answer received for publication on 27 June 2012***

**Lesley Griffiths:** No direction has been given to Health Boards, as Health Boards are responsible for ensuring services meet the needs of patients within their local areas. Each Health Board has provided details of their plans for delivering this commitment and there have been regular discussions with my officials.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Pa ymgysylltiad â Meddygon Teulu a'r cyrff sy'n eu cynrychioli y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gael mewn cysylltiad â'r cynnig i ymestyn oriau agor Meddygfeydd y tu hwnt i'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60667)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What engagement with GP's and the bodies that represent them has the Minister had in relation to the proposal to extend GP surgery opening hours beyond the core hours of 8am to 6.30pm. (WAQ60667)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 28 Mehefin 2012***

***Answer received for publication on 28 June 2012***

**Lesley Griffiths:** I have met with the BMA and GPC Wales to discuss improving access to GP services. My officials have also had regular discussion with GPs and GPC Wales.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Yn ôl y ffigurau diweddaraf sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru, sawl practis meddyg teulu yng Nghymru sydd ar agor drwy gydol y dydd yn ystod yr oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60668)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** According to the most recent figures the Welsh Government has, how many GP practices in Wales are open throughout the day during the core hours of 8am to 6.30pm. (WAQ60668)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Mehefin 2012***

***Answer received for publication on 27 June 2012***

**Lesley Griffiths:** A Statistical Article was published in March 2012, this indicated in 2011, 149 GP practices (31 per cent), were open throughout the day during the core hours of 8.00am to 6.30pm, an increase of 12 percentage points from 2010, when only 93 GP practices (19 per cent) were open.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Yn ôl y ffigurau diweddaraf sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru, sawl practis meddyg teulu yng Nghymru sydd ar agor lai na 95 y cant o'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60669)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** According to the most recent figures the Welsh Government has, how many GP practices in Wales are open less than 95% of the core hours of 8am to 6.30pm. (WAQ60669)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 03 Gorffennaf 2012***

***Answer received for publication on 03 July 2012***

**Lesley Griffiths:** A Statistical Article was published in March 2012, this indicated in 2011, 248 GP practices (52 per cent), were open for less than 95% or more for core hours, an improvement from 2010, when 307 GP practices (63 per cent) were open less than 95% of core hours.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Pa darged sydd gan y Gweinidog ar gyfer mis Ebrill y flwyddyn nesaf o ran nifer y practisau meddygon teulu yng Nghymru sydd ar agor y tu hwn i'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60670)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What target does the Minister have for April next year for the number of GP practices in Wales that are open beyond the core hours of 8am to 6.30pm. (WAQ60670)

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Pa darged sydd gan y Gweinidog ar gyfer mis Ebrill y flwyddyn nesaf o ran nifer y practisau meddygon teulu yng Nghymru sydd ar agor o leiaf 95 y cant o'r oriau craidd rhwng 08.00 a 18.30. (WAQ60671)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What target does the Minister have for April next year for the number of GP practices in Wales that are open at least 95% of the core hours of 8am to 6.30pm. (WAQ60671)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Mehefin 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 27 June 2012*

**Lesley Griffiths:** I have not set any access targets for Health Boards as Health Boards are responsible for ensuring services meet the needs of patients within their local areas. However, my officials have been discussing with Health Boards their local plans for delivery, to ensure there is equity of provision of services across Wales. We are also developing robust monitoring mechanisms to ensure delivery of this commitment. A Statistical Article was published in March 2012 and further publications will be made available on a regular basis.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth*  
*To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage*

**Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am uno Comisiwn Brenhinol Henebion Cymru a Cadw. (WAQ60650)

**Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister provide an update on the merger of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales and Cadw. (WAQ60650)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Mehefin 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 26 June 2012*

**The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis):** No decision has been taken whether or not to merge the Royal Commission on the Ancient Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) and Cadw.

As outlined in my written statement of 3 May 2012, I have established a working group, comprising representatives of the Welsh Government, the Royal Commission to create a process whereby the core functions of the Royal Commission could be merged with other organisations, including Cadw. I have asked the working group for a report on the way forward in July 2012. The working group has met several times and the work is in progress.

The working group is seeking to:

- establish the key activities and functions of the bodies funded by the Welsh Government which deliver its statutory responsibilities and published priorities

- identify pressures, in terms of future need, resourcing and resilience, impacting on those key activities and functions
- propose headline options to address those pressures for my consideration and develop a 'route map' for implementation.

I will be reporting back to Assembly Members when there are matters of substance on which to report.

**Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro):** Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael gyda Chomisiwn Brenhinol Henebion Cymru am y cynlluniau arfaethedig i'w uno â Cadw. (WAQ60651)

**Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** What discussions has the Minister had with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales on the proposed merger with Cadw. (WAQ60651)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Mehefin 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 26 June 2012*

**Huw Lewis:** I met the Chair, Deputy Chair and Chief Executive from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) on 29 March 2012. Representatives of the RCAHMW are fully engaged with Welsh Government officials in the process of developing options for me to consider in due course.

**Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro):** Pa ystyriaeth y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i roi i adroddiad Chitty 2011, o safbwynt uno Comisiwn Brenhinol Henebion Cymru a Cadw. (WAQ60652)

**Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** What consideration has the Minister made of the 2011 Chitty report, when looking at the merger of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales and Cadw. (WAQ60652)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Mehefin 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 26 June 2012*

**Huw Lewis:** The "Welsh Historic Environment Assessment Exercise" report by the Council for British Archaeology forms part of the information base used by the working group I have established to develop options for me to consider in due course.

**Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro):** Sut y bydd y Gweinidog yn llwyddo i uno Comisiwn Brenhinol Henebion Cymru a Cadw heb gyfaddawdu ar allbwn gwaith presennol y Comisiwn Brenhinol. (WAQ60653)

**Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** How will the Minister achieve a merger of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales and Cadw, without compromising the current work output of the Royal Commission. (WAQ60653)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Mehefin 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 26 June 2012*

**Huw Lewis:** No decision has been taken whether or not to merge the Royal Commission on the Ancient Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) and Cadw.

In developing options for my consideration the working group I established comprising representatives of the Royal Commission, Cadw and CyMAL is seeking to ensure the resilience of service delivery in key areas and supporting staff through the process.

I am not looking to generate savings through this exercise. Rather the intention is to ensure that budgets are efficiently targeted at the areas of greatest priority, and both Cadw and the Commission expect to honour commitments to external projects and partnership while future delivery options are reviewed.

**Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro):** Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o gost y cynlluniau arfaethedig i uno Comisiwn Brenhinol Henebion Cymru a Cadw. (WAQ60654)

**Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** What assessment has the Minister made of the cost of the proposed merger between the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales and Cadw. (WAQ60654)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 16 Awst 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 16 August 2012*

**Huw Lewis:** No decision has been taken whether or not to merge the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) and Cadw. The working group that I have established to develop options for my consideration is tasked with identifying key activities and functions of the Royal Commission and how they may be safeguarded from pressures relating to resources and resilience. The working group that I have established will provide me with an assessment of costs as part of the options for future delivery, which I will consider in due course.

**Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro):** Sut y bydd y Gweinidog yn gwarchod y Casgliadau Cenedlaethol a'r Cofnod Henebion Cenedlaethol o dan y cynlluniau arfaethedig i uno Comisiwn Brenhinol Henebion Cymru a Cadw. (WAQ60655)

**Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** How will the Minister protect the National Collections and the National Monuments Record under the proposed merger between the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales and Cadw. (WAQ60655)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Mehefin 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 26 June 2012*

**Huw Lewis:** The working group that I have established to develop options for my consideration are tasked with identifying key activities and functions of the Royal Commission and how they may be safeguarded from pressures relating to resources and resilience.

I am not looking to generate savings through this exercise. Rather the intention is to ensure that budgets are efficiently targeted at the areas of greatest priority and that the skills and expertise of staff are maximised.

The collections and in particular the National Monuments Record are key functions and I expect that the options presented for my consideration will further safeguard these key resources.

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

**Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru):** Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i roi polisi ar waith i ganfod a chefnogi gweithwyr benywaidd yn y sector cyhoeddus sy'n dioddef trais domestig. (WAQ60649)

**Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What steps have the Welsh Government taken to put into place a policy to identify and support female employees in the public sector who are the victims of domestic violence. (WAQ60649)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Mehefin 2012*  
*Answer received for publication on 27 June 2012*

**The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant):** The Welsh Government's "Right to be Safe" six year integrated strategy for tackling all forms of Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse is supported by an associated implementation plan. The plan sets out an action to hold a national conference for employers in Wales, which would encourage the development of Workplace policies on Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse.

In response to this action, and in collaboration with the Equality and Human Rights Commission (Wales), the Welsh Government delivered two conferences in Swansea and Llandudno during 2011. The conferences promoted the benefits of having a Workplace policy to address these issues to organisations from across the Public and Private Sectors.

In addition, the 10,000 Safer Lives Domestic Abuse Project has identified the effective implementation of a Workplace Policy to address these issues as one of a set of minimum standards for Public Services in Wales.

I have written to Chairs of all Local Service Boards asking them to place this item on the agenda for their next meeting.

Officials will shortly be in touch with each LSB with a paper asking them to undertake an assessment of how their area currently performs against each of these minimum standards -,whether there is more that could be done, and at what level or through what mechanism these actions should be taken forward.

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Faint o arian y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wario yn ymestyn hyd platfformau ym mhob gorsaf rhwng Cathays a Treherbert, gan roi ffigur ar gyfer pob gorsaf. (WAQ60656)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** How much money has the Welsh Government spent lengthening platforms on all stations from Cathays to Treherbert, giving a figure for each station. (WAQ60656)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Mehefin 2012*  
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**Carl Sargeant:** The Welsh Government allocated £4.3million in Transport Grant extending platforms on the railway line between Cathays and Treherbert. Eleven platforms at seven stations were extended to accommodate six-carriage twenty metre trains. The Grant was not attributable to individual stations.