

Answers issued to Members on 22 December 2008

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Questions to the First Minister

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the First Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a) air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ52947)

The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan): As we do not separately record these costs by: air; road; rail; other, I can only provide total costs by Ministerial Department. In addition, as Ministerial Departments were re-organised following last years election, I am only able to provide you with 2007-2008 costs against these Departments. For earlier years I have provided the total equivalent costs in respect of financial year 2006/07 and separately for the financial years 2003/04 to 2005/06 which was prior to the ASPB mergers.

Table 1 – 2007-2008 Travel Costs by Ministerial Department

Ministerial Department	£m
Children Education Lifelong Learning & Skills	0.9
Economy & Transport	2.9
Environment Sustainability & Housing	0.3
Finance & Public Service Delivery	0.6
Health & Social Services	0.9
Heritage	0.7
Social Justice & Local Government	0.2
Rural Affairs	0.9
Corporate Departments	0.7
Total 2007-2008 Travel Costs	8.2

Note: the Department for the First Minister and the Counsel General are included within the corporate Departments total

Table 2 – Total Travel Costs for 2006/07

Financial Year	£m
2006-2007	9.0

Table – Total Travel Costs prior to the ASPB mergers

Financial Year	£m
2005-2006	5.2
2004-2005	4.4
2003-2004	4.0

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the First Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ52949)

The First Minister: This is a matter for the Permanent Secretary, who will write to you accordingly.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the First Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ52950)

The First Minister: It is too early to estimate the impact of the £5 million efficiency targets for 2010/11 announced in the UK Government's Pre-Budget Report on the 24 November will be on the Welsh Assembly Government's overall budget, let alone individual departmental budgets, in 2010/11 and later

years. The Barnett consequentials of £5 million efficiency savings will be determined by the degree to which each UK Government Departments are differentially allocated its share of the £5 billion.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the First Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ52952)

The First Minister: This is a matter for the Permanent Secretary, who will write to you accordingly.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52953)

The First Minister: This is a matter for the Permanent Secretary, who will write to you accordingly.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52954)

The First Minister: As Ministerial Departments were re-organised following last years election, I am only able to provide you with 2007-2008 costs against these Departments. For earlier years I have provided the total equivalent costs in respect of financial year 2006/07 and separately for the financial years 2003/04 to 2005/06 which was prior to the ASPB mergers.

Table 1 – 2007-2008 Conference & External Meetings Costs by Ministerial Department

Ministerial Department	£'000
Children Education Lifelong Learning & Skills	88
Economy & Transport	113
Environment Sustainability & Housing	36
Finance & Public Service Delivery	95
Health & Social Services	26
Heritage	50
Social Justice & Local Government	28
Rural Affairs	24
Corporate Departments	196
Total 2007-2008 Conference & External Meetings Costs	656

Note: the Department for the First Minister and the Counsel General are included within the corporate Departments total

Table 2 – Total Conference & External Meetings Costs for 2006/07

Financial Year	£'000
2006-2007	708

Table 3 – Total Conference & External Meetings Costs prior to the ASPB mergers

Financial Year	£'000
2005-2006	373
2004-2005	301
2003-2004	267

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ52955)

The First Minister: I refer you to my answer to WAQ52947.

Questions to the Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ52959) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ52960) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ52962) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52963) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52964) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ52965) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a)

air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ53007) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Alun Cairns (South Wales West): What analysis is the Welsh Assembly Government undertaking to measure the impact in Wales of the economic downturn? (WAQ53060)

The Deputy First Minister and Minister for the Economy and Transport (Ieuan Wyn Jones): Detailed analyses of all relevant economic data on the Welsh economy are undertaken on a regular basis. Labour market data provide the most reliable and timely measure of the impact of the economic downturn on Wales. The latest labour market data showed employment and unemployment deteriorating, providing a clear indication that the global downturn is affecting Wales in a broadly similar fashion to the UK in general. Assembly Government economists have provided relevant economic analysis at our economic summits.

Our economists have looked in detail at prior periods of economic weakness and are monitoring the international response to the global financial crisis and liaising with colleagues at HM Treasury and other Whitehall departments, to inform and provide context for advice provided to Assembly Government ministers.

Alun Cairns (South Wales West): What plans does the Minister have to involve the opposition parties in discussions and summits that have come about as a result of the economic downturn? (WAQ53061)

The Deputy First Minister: I have organised regular economic briefing sessions with the Conservative and Liberal Democrat economic spokespersons at which we have discussed the wider economic picture as well as the specifics of the three Economic Summit meetings held to date.

Alun Cairns (South Wales West): What plans does the Welsh Assembly Government have in place to deal with major job losses in a particular area of Wales or sector of the Welsh economy? (WAQ53063)

The Deputy First Minister: The Welsh Assembly Government deals with major job losses on a bespoke case by case basis by mobilising appropriate members of Team Wales. The approach is sensitive to the situation and, as with all our measures, is finessed to meet particular requirements.

Alun Cairns (South Wales West): What plans does the Welsh Assembly Government have to revise the targets set out in WAVE: Wales a Vibrant Economy as a result of the economic downturn? (WAQ53064)

The Deputy First Minister: We have no intention to revise the indicators set out in W:AVE. The Welsh Assembly Government is focused on delivering the action points agreed at the latest Economic Summit.

Alun Cairns (South Wales West): What applications for funding for road safety changes on Cecile Road / Talbot Street, Gowerton, Swansea has the Minister received? (WAQ53065)

The Deputy First Minister: I have received a bid for £24,000 from the City & County of Swansea Council under our Safe Routes in Communities initiative, for the provision of a pelican crossing and the extension of the existing raised plateau on Cecil Road/Talbot Street.

Alun Cairns (South Wales West): When does the Minister expect to make a decision on funding for road safety changes on Cecile Road / Talbot Street, Gowerton, Swansea? (WAQ53066)

The Deputy First Minister: The bid is currently under consideration and I hope to announce the outcome early next year.

Chris Franks (South Wales Central): What assessment has been made about the economic impact of the closure of Woolworths on South Wales Central? (WAQ53067)

The Deputy First Minister: Woolworths has been a mainstay on our high streets for many years, and the news that the company has called in administrators is extremely disappointing. There are many hundreds of staff affected in Wales, and my thoughts are with them and their families who face an uncertain future at this time. My Officials along with Team Wales partners in Jobcentre plus and Careers Wales are ready to help any individuals affected find fresh employment or training opportunities.

We are undoubtedly experiencing economic challenges the like of which have not been witnessed for generations. These are difficult times for the global economy and we in Wales are not immune from those global challenges. As a Government our foremost responsibility is to minimise the impact of those challenges upon our communities. To this end we are using the powers at our disposal to mobilise a coherent programme of action through the Economic Summits to soften the blow of the current downturn and position Wales for the recovery.

Chris Franks (South Wales Central): Will the Minister list the steps the Welsh Assembly Government has taken to help small businesses during the economic downturn? (WAQ53068)

The Deputy First Minister: I refer you to the oral statement I made on Tuesday 9 December and the accompanying document that was sent to all Assembly Members.

Chris Franks (South Wales Central): What representations or discussions has the Minister had regarding the Dinas Powys Bypass? (WAQ53070)

The Deputy First Minister: It will be for Sewta to prioritise this scheme in the emerging Regional Transport Plan for South East Wales.

Questions to the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a) air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ52957) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ53009) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ53010) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ53012) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53013) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53014) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ53015) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.

Questions to the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a) air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ52967) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ52969) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-

budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ52970) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ52972) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52973) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52974) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ52975) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of heating systems in council owned sheltered accommodation that will ensure supply of heat during a power cut? (WAQ53072)

The Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing (Jane Davidson): The Welsh Assembly Government has set an objective for all social housing in Wales to be brought up to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) by 2012 and to maintain it thereafter. One of the requirements in complying with WHQS is that all dwellings must be capable of being adequately heated at an affordable cost to the residents.

The Welsh Assembly Government does not set standards in relation to emergency back up systems; that level of detail will be for the individual local authority to decide. The local authority, will have a contractual obligation (via the tenancy agreement) to keep in good repair and proper working order heating provision for the building and to facilitate the provision of utilities. The majority of sheltered schemes are likely to have an on-site warden or community alarm system. In the event of a power cut these mechanisms could be used to alert the emergency repairs helpline that contingency measures are required. I presume that, particularly in areas prone to power cut in the winter (e.g. rural areas), there will be contingency plans for this type of situation. However, the responsibility for management and maintenance of sheltered schemes lies with each local authority.

Questions to the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a) air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ52977) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ52979) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ52980) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ52982) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52983) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52984) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ52985) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.

Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a) air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ52997) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ52999) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which she is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ53000) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ53002) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53003) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53004) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ53005) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.

Chris Franks (South Wales Central): What discussions has the Minister had regarding charging for unreasonable missed appointments? (WAQ53069)

The Minister for Health and Social Services (Edwina Hart): I have had no formal discussions about charging patients for missing GP or hospital appointments.

Chris Franks (South Wales Central): What representation has the Minister received regarding the proposed closure of the Elderly Mental Infirm home in Bryneithin, Vale of Glamorgan? (WAQ53071)

Edwina Hart: I have not received any representation about the proposed closure of the EMI unit in Bryneithin.

Questions to the Minister for Heritage

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a) air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ52987) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ53019) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ53020) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ53022) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53023) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53024) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ53025) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.

Questions to the Minister for Rural Affairs

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a) air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ53027) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ53029) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ53030) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ53032) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53033) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53034) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ53035) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.

Questions to the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ52989) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ52990) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ52992) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52993) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ52994) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ52995) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a)

air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ53017) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many additional wheelchair accessible toilets will be available in Mid & West Wales as part of the Welsh Assembly Government's plans to pay businesses to open toilets to the public? (WAQ53056)

The Minister for Social Justice and Local Government (Brian Gibbons): The Public Facility Grant Scheme will commence on 1 April 2009, and participating local authorities will provide details of the numbers of businesses within their boundaries (which will differ from Assembly constituency boundaries) at the end of the year when they submit their grant claims to the Assembly Government. Local authorities are responsible for operating the scheme and for determining the numbers and location of facilities required. Any enquiries on this should be addressed to the relevant local authority.

Angela Burns (Carmarthenshire West and South Pembrokeshire): How many additional wheelchair accessible toilets will be available in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire as part of the Welsh Assembly Government's plans to pay businesses to open toilets up to the public? (WAQ53058)

Brian Gibbons: The Public Facility Grant Scheme will commence on 1 April 2009, and participating local authorities will provide details of the numbers of businesses within their boundaries (which will differ from Assembly constituency boundaries) at the end of the year when they submit their grant claims to the Assembly Government. Local authorities are responsible for operating the scheme and for determining the numbers and location of facilities required. Any enquiries on this should be addressed to the relevant local authority.

Questions to the Counsel General and Leader of the House

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the transport costs in relation to the Minister's department since the National Assembly for Wales was formed, breaking down the cost of travel into a) air, b) road, c) rail, d) other (specifying the other if appropriate)? (WAQ53037) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52947.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the cost of Agency staff for which the Minister is responsible in the last 12 months and what was the figure for the previous 12 months? (WAQ53039) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52949.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What cuts is the Minister expecting to make in the budget for which he is responsible as a result of the announcement of the £5 billion cuts by the Chancellor in the pre-budget report in the year 2010/11, giving details of where the cuts will fall? (WAQ53040) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52950.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the cost of advertising to fill jobs in the area for which the Minister is responsible, giving a breakdown of the costs and the outlets where the adverts have been placed? (WAQ53042) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52952.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What were the costs in the previous 12 months for advertising jobs in your department, and for the previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53043) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52953.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of conferences for staff in your department, giving a breakdown for the last 12 months, and the comparable costs for previous years since the Assembly was formed? (WAQ53044) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52954.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What has been the costs of staff travel in the last 12 months for the department for which the Minister is responsible and costs for each of the years since the National Assembly for Wales was formed? (WAQ53045) *Transferred for answer by the First Minister.*

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer to WAQ52955.