

## **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 4 Rhagfyr 2012**

### **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 4 December 2012**

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[R] *yn nodi bod yr Aelod wedi datgan buddiant/signifies that the Member has declared an interest.*

[W] *yn nodi bod y cwestiwn wedi'i gyflwyno yn Gymraeg/signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.*

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***Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru***  
***To ask the First Minister***

**Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru):** Yn dilyn WAQ61627, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau'n benodol pa gynigion am ddigwyddiad newydd y mae'n cyfeirio atynt, a sut y bydd y £150,000 yn effeithio ar y cynigion hyn. (WAQ61712)

**Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Further to WAQ61627, will the First Minister confirm specifically which new event proposals he is referring to, and how the £150,000 will impact on these proposals. (WAQ61712)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 04 Rhagfyr 2012***  
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**The First Minister (Carwyn Jones):** A number of specific event proposals are under consideration and it would not be appropriate to release details at this time.

However, I am able to tell you, for example, that this funding has enabled the Major Events Unit to support a further edition of Classic FM Live at the Wales Millennium Centre in February 2013.

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

**Suzy Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog restru nifer yr (a) israddedigion; a (b) graddedigion mewn ysgolion meddygol yng Nghymru sy'n dod o'r tu allan i'r UE. (WAQ61713)

**Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister list the number of (a) undergraduates; and (b) postgraduates at Welsh medical schools who come from outside the EU. (WAQ61713)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 03 Rhagfyr 2012***  
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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths):** A total of 765 enrolments were made by non-European Union domiciled students, at Welsh Higher Education Institutions, on Medicine and Dentistry courses during 2010/11. Of these, 125 were undergraduates and 640 were postgraduates. [Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)]

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

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Fesul awdurdod lleol yng Nghymru, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am sut y mae aelwydydd wedi elwa ar y gostyngiadau yn y dreth gyngor sydd ar gael i bersonél y lluoedd arfog yng Nghymru. (WAQ61706)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** By Welsh local authority, will the Minister make a statement on how households have benefitted from the council tax discounts available for armed forces personnel in Wales. (WAQ61706)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Rhagfyr 2012***

*Answer received for publication on 05 December 2012*

**The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant):** A 50% council tax discount may be claimed by Service personnel living in Service accommodation in Great Britain who have an unoccupied private property in England, Scotland or Wales, provided that it remains furnished. This reduction is claimed directly by the individual from their local authority. The discount is only available to people who live elsewhere in job-related accommodation.

For those serving overseas on specified operations, such as in Afghanistan, the MoD's Council Tax Relief (CTR) Scheme is available. Previously a 25% discount applied, but from 1 July 2011 it was doubled to 50% of the average council tax per dwelling in England. CTR is paid as a tax-free lump sum on completion of duty, based on the number of days in the qualifying operational location. It amounts to approximately £296 for an average six-month tour. This increase has been welcomed by eligible Service personnel.

The Welsh Government does not hold information on the numbers of discounts funded by the MoD.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi eu cymryd i hyrwyddo argaeledd gostyngiadau yn y dreth gyngor ar gyfer personél y lluoedd arfog yng Nghymru. (WAQ61707)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** What action has the Welsh Government taken to promote the availability of council tax discounts for armed forces personnel in Wales. (WAQ61707)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Rhagfyr 2012*

*Answer received for publication on 05 December 2012*

**Carl Sargeant:** The responsibility for funding council tax discounts specifically available for the armed forces rests with the Ministry of Defence. Responsibility for promoting take-up therefore also rests with the MoD.

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr):** Ar ba ddyddiad y gwnaeth y Gweinidog sefydlu adolygiad annibynnol o'r Fenter Tocynnau Teithio Rhatach ar Drafnidiaeth Gymunedol. (WAQ61708)

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** On what date did the Minister instigate an independent review of the Community Transport Concessionary Fares Initiative (CTCFI). (WAQ61708)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Rhagfyr 2012*

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**Carl Sargeant:** I announced the start of the review in my Written Statement on 23 February 2012.

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr):** Sawl un o'r 15 Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Gymunedol sy'n dal i gael cyllid gan Lywodraeth Cymru fel rhan o'r Fenter Tocynnau Teithio Rhatach ar Drafnidiaeth Gymunedol. (WAQ61709)

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** How many of the 15 Community Transport Schemes continue to receive funding from the Welsh Government as part of the Community Transport Concessionary Fares Initiative. (WAQ61709)

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**Carl Sargeant:** I have maintained funding for all of the 15 participating operators whilst the evaluation of the CTCFI has taken place. I will announce my decision in due course.

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr):** Pryd y bydd y Gweinidog yn cyhoeddi'r adroddiad ar yr adolygiad annibynnol o'r Fenter Tocynnau Teithio Rhatach ar Drafnidiaeth Gymunedol. (WAQ61710)

**Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** When will the Minister publish the report on the independent review of the Community Transport Concessionary Fares Initiative (CTCFI). (WAQ61710)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Rhagfyr 2012*  
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**Carl Sargeant:** I am considering the report on the evaluation of the Initiative and will announce my decision in due course.

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am yr holl ohebiaeth rhwng ei adran a Llywodraeth y DU (gan gynnwys y Trysorlys, yr Adran Gwaith a Phensiynau, a'r Adran Cymunedau a Llywodraeth Leol) am ddatganoli cymorth i dalu'r dreth gyngor. (WAQ61711)

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister provide details of all correspondence between his department and the UK Government (to include the Treasury, DWP and DCLG) on the subject of devolving council tax support. (WAQ61711)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 03 Rhagfyr 2012*  
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**Carl Sargeant:** Council tax support is not being devolved. The UK Government's Welfare Reform Act 2012 will abolish Council Tax Benefit across Great Britain on 31 March 2013. The Welsh Government is therefore putting in place arrangements to provide households in Wales with support in paying their council tax bills from 1 April 2013. We have had continued dialogue with Westminster on this issue.