

Written Assembly Questions for answer on 07 December 2004

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(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the First Minister

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has he had with Westminster colleagues regarding the introduction of Identity Cards in Wales, and will he disclose the nature of those discussions. (WAQ40581)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has he had with Westminster colleagues regarding the proposed Gaming Bill, and will he disclose the nature of those discussions. (WAQ40566)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has he had with Westminster colleagues regarding the proposed Safer Neighbourhoods Bill, and will he disclose the nature of those discussions. (WAQ40565)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has he had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding public procurement rules in the European Union, and will he disclose the nature of those discussions. (WAQ40580)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has he had with the Prime Minister regarding the UK Presidency of the EU in 2005 with regard to hosting events in Wales, and will he disclose the nature of those discussions. (WAQ40579)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will he give an update on discussions with Westminster colleagues regarding Regional Aid for Wales post 2006. (WAQ40578)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Could the First Minister list any functions that are currently being discussed with Westminster for transfer to the National Assembly for Wales. (WAQ40577)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): With regard to the appointment of a new Counsel General, what is the First Minister's intention in response to the lack of this appointment to date. (WAQ40563)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Can the Minister confirm whether it is intended to appoint a new Counsel General, and if so, can he provide a likely timescale for the appointment. (WAQ40564)

To ask the Minister for Economic Development and Transport

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assessment has been made of the effect on the Welsh economy of road traffic congestion. (WAQ40575)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister give an update on proposals to dual the A40 beyond St Clears. (WAQ40574)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Is it still the intention of the Government of Wales to seek the transfer of power over large scale energy projects from Westminster to the Welsh Assembly, and if so what discussions are taking place, and why has this transfer taken so long. (WAQ40568)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many motorcycling fatalities have there been in Wales in each year since the establishment of the National Assembly, listing by area. (WAQ40570)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many motorcycling accidents have there been in Wales in each year since the establishment of the Assembly, listing by area. (WAQ40569)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the Welsh Assembly Government doing to create jobs in Knighton. (WAQ40585)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How are the Minister's policies helping existing businesses in Knighton to expand. (WAQ40584)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with the WDA about economic development in Knighton. (WAQ40583)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with Knighton Town Council about the jobs situation in Knighton. (WAQ40582)

Sandy Mewies (Delyn): During 2004, how much has the Assembly invested in Flintshire businesses, how much has this attracted in private investment, and how many jobs have been created or safeguarded by this investment. (WAQ40488)

To ask the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has she had with Higher Education institutions in Wales regarding the introduction of 'top up' fees in Wales, and will she give details of any such discussions. (WAQ40573)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Has she had any discussions with Higher Education institutions in Wales regarding funding uncertainties and the effect that these uncertainties have on student numbers and research projects in Higher Education in Wales, and if so will she give details of these discussions. (WAQ40572)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Why is it felt appropriate that the Assembly should remove the requirements for school governing bodies in Wales to produce an annual report and hold an annual parents meeting. (WAQ40586)

Mike German (South Wales East): Does the Minister have any plans to extend the scope of Estyn Inspections to cover school meals and healthy eating issues as has been announced in the recent Government White Paper for England. (WAQ40590)

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): What funding arrangements are in place for autistic learners in post 16 education. (WAQ40591)

To ask the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What measures are in place to prevent flooding of the River Rheidol, River Usk, River Wye. (WAQ40571)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Has the First Minister had any discussions with Westminster colleagues about proposals to reduce the number of Coroners in Wales, if so will he give details of those discussions, and if not, will he raise the issue with Cabinet Ministers at Westminster. (WAQ40567)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the Minister doing to assist and support those suffering from Asperger's Syndrome in Wales. (WAQ40587)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement about the use of cannabis and ecstasy by teenagers in Wales. (WAQ40576)

To ask the House Committee Representative

Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside): Since its introduction, how many schools from North Wales have had their travel subsidised to visit the Assembly? How does this compare with schools from the other regions. (WAQ40589)