

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 3 November 2010**

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***To ask the First Minister***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** On how many occasions in the last six months has the First Minister held meetings with representatives of Metrix in connection with the Defence Training Academy at St Athan. (WAQ56699)

***Answer issued on 04 November 2010***

I met with Metrix in March this year, but have not done so within the last six months.

***To ask the Minister for Business and Budget***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister detail the costs for the new Welsh Assembly Government offices in Llandudno, in terms of Professional Fees prior to the Pause & Review period. (WAQ56697)

***Answer issued on 04 November 2010***

The total cost of the Professional Works Contract Stage 1 was £2,227,551; the Stage 1 costs related to preparatory work and design fees.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister confirm whether the Welsh Assembly Government is able to reclaim Value Added Tax on any of the expenditure incurred in the construction and equipping of the new Welsh Assembly Government offices in Llandudno, giving an estimated projected total. (WAQ56698)

***Answer issued on 04 November 2010***

No Value Added Tax has been claimed by the Welsh Assembly Government. Items of expenditure such as building work, furniture and fittings are non-recoverable.

***To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport***

**Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Did the Welsh Assembly Government purchase Ewloe Wood House, Pinfold Lane, Flintshire, in relation to the development of the A494, and if so, for what specific reason. (WAQ56692)

***Answer issued on 03 November 2010***

Ewloe Wood House is directly affected by the proposed A55/A494 Ewloe Interchange improvement scheme. The Welsh Assembly Government agreed to purchase it after accepting a Blight Notice, which was served by the then owners in November 2008.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** On how many occasions in the last six months has the Minister held meetings with representatives of Metrix in connection with the Defence Training Academy at St Athan. (WAQ56700)

***Answer issued on 05 November 2010***

On one occasion, on 11 May, when I met the Chairman of Metrix at the meeting of the Ministerial Steering Group on the St Athan Development Scheme.

***To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services***

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ56597, will the Minister please confirm when all LHBs will be fully compliant with cancer standards laid out by the Welsh Assembly Government. (WAQ56693)

***Answer issued on 03 November 2010***

As I stated in WAQ56597 Local Health Boards are currently assessing compliance against the National Cancer Standards. I will update Assembly Members shortly.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Since the formation of the Junior Doctor Review Group on how many occasions has it met, and on what dates. (WAQ56694)

***Answer issued on 04 November 2010***

Since its formation in August 2009, the Junior Doctor Review Group has met on 10 occasions. The dates are:

28 August 2009  
17 September 2009  
11 November 2009  
2 February 2010  
1 April 2010  
10 May 2010  
18 June 2010  
13 August 2010  
15 September 2010  
1 November 2010

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** With reference to WAQ56650, how much money has been spent by the Junior Doctor Review Group since its inception. (WAQ56695)

***Answer issued on 04 November 2010***

The Junior Doctor Review group supported the allocation of £253K for incentives to attract and retain SAS/Middle grade doctors which has been allocated to the Postgraduate Deanery. £33,500 has been spent on rebranding and careers events.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Does WAG make any resources available for the recruitment of junior doctors or medical professionals for the Welsh NHS. (WAQ56696)

***Answer issued on 04 November 2010***

The Postgraduate Deanery is responsible for the recruitment of doctors in training and is funded by WAG. Local Health Boards and Trusts are responsible for the recruitment of non training grade medical staff.

**Veronica German (South Wales East):** With reference to your answers to questions WAQ55762 and WAQ55763, what circumstances changed in order to allow for the announcement of the cost of the McKinsey commission by the First Minister, on 19th October. (WAQ56701)

*Answer issued on 03 November 2010*

The contract had been completed and the consultants indicated that they were content to release details of the cost.