

## **Answers issued to Members on 30 June 2009**

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

**Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales):** What sort of projects has RAISE funding been used for in Gwynedd, Powys, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire? (WAQ54390)

**The Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (Jane Hutt):** The consortium that covers the Powys, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire local authorities reports that many of their schools initially focussed their RAISE funding on literacy and numeracy programmes. That may have indicated a tendency to target underachievers rather than those specifically affected by socio-economic disadvantage. However, over the period of the grant, there has been a shift towards broader strategies for addressing such disadvantage. These have focussed on:

- weaknesses in children and young people's personal capabilities;
- weaknesses in children and young people's motivation to learn;
- lower levels of cognitive development;
- poor or ineffective support from adults;
- barriers to effective learning and opportunities to study; and
- barriers to participation in a range of cultural/social activities.

Gwynedd similarly reports that the main focus has been on improving pupils' achievement in the basic skills of language and mathematics. However, the local authority also reports that its schools have also targeted:

- poor attendance and behaviour;
- personal and social skills; and
- school-parent relationships.

### Questions to the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery

**Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales):** How much has the Welsh Assembly Government spent on fuel for its fleet of vehicles in each of the last five years? (WAQ54155) *Substantive answer following holding reply.*

**The Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery (Andrew Davies):** The table below lists the total spend on fuel, the number of vehicles in the fleet and the average spend per vehicle for the periods specified in your question.

Financial Year	Total Spend on Fuel	Number of Vehicles in the Fleet	Average Spend per Vehicle on Fuel
2004-2005	£20.2k	5	£4.0k
2005-2006	£19.2k	5	£3.8k
2006-2007	£16.2k	5	£3.2k
2007-2008	£19.9k	6	£3.3k
2008-2009	£39.8k	9	£4.4k

An adjustment in resources was required in the later part of 2007/8 and in 2008/9 to meet the additional ministerial complement and responsibilities brought forward under provisions made in the Government of Wales Act 2006.

### Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

**Leanne Wood (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister detail the cost of medical negligence claims for the NHS in Wales for every financial year since 1999? (WAQ54406)

**Leanne Wood (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister publish any estimates made of the cost of medical negligence claims for this and future financial years? (WAQ54407)

**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Edwina Hart):** This information is published annually in the NHS (Wales) Summarised Accounts which are available on the National Assembly for Wales website.

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire):** How much has been spent from the Health and Social Services portfolio budget on the third sector in each year from 1999? (WAQ54416)

**(Edwina Hart):** Information on health service spend on the third sector is available in the published accounts of the former Health Authorities / LHBs and Health Commission Wales.

### Questions to the Minister for Heritage

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire):** How much has been spent from the Heritage portfolio budget on the third sector in each year from 1999? (WAQ54415).

**The Minister for Heritage (Alun Ffred Jones):** Details of expenditure in relation to the third sector by Divisions within the Department of Heritage are included in the Voluntary Sector Unit Annual Report. The following table shows the breakdown of spend from 2001/2. The figure for AGSBs covers all AGSBs, not just those within the Heritage MEG.

Funding to the Voluntary Sector (£000's)

#### Assembly Divisional Funding to the Voluntary Sector

Division	2001/2	2002/3	2003/4	2004/5	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8
Cadw	1,184	200	60	2,607	62	867	1,723
CyMAL				38	97	7	67
Culture, Welsh Language & Sport		12,100	713	0	2,535	3,754	19,482
Royal Commission for Ancient and Historical Monuments							65
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>4,628</b>	<b>21,337</b>

#### AGSB Funding to the Voluntary Sector

AGSB	28,055	44,615	44,666	32,143	63,889	13,977	36,336
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,055</b>	<b>44,615</b>	<b>44,666</b>	<b>32,143</b>	<b>63,889</b>	<b>13,977</b>	<b>36,336</b>

## Questions to the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** What role, if any, did the Welsh Assembly Government have in the compilation of the report sent to the Home Office on the funding on South Wales Police in respect of their capital city duties? (WAQ54396)

**The Minister for Social Justice and Local Government (Brian Gibbons):** Our understanding is that the report is still being drafted by South Wales Police. No request has been made by South Wales Police to the Welsh Assembly Government to contribute to it at this stage.

**Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central):** Has the Welsh Assembly Government made any representations in support of the report sent to the Home Office on the funding of South Wales Police in respect of their capital city duties and, if so, by what means? (WAQ54397)

**Brian Gibbons:** Our understanding is that this report is still being drafted by South Wales Police and neither myself nor my officials have seen it. The Welsh Assembly Government ensures a regular dialogue with the Home Office and Wales Office regarding police funding and frequently makes representations via the Wales Office who represent the views of Wales within the UK government. The Welsh Assembly Government also ensures the views and needs of Welsh policing are represented at the police formula working group, who develop and agree the police formula.

**Brynle Williams (North Wales):** What assessment has the Welsh Assembly Government made of the motivations for substance misuse in Wales? (WAQ54409)

**Brian Gibbons:** The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs asked the Prevention Working Group to conduct an inquiry into the hazardous use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs by young people in the UK and its implications for policy. Its findings were published in a report 'Pathways to Problems' in September 2006. This document is referenced in the Assembly Government's Substance Misuse Strategy for Wales 2008-2018: Working Together to Reduce Harm.