

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 12 Mawrth 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 12 March 2013

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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'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science***

Bethan Jenkins (Gorllewin De Cymru): Sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn sicrhau bod Abertawe yn parhau i elwa o'r hwb y mae wedi'i gael yn sgîl cael clwb pêl-droed yn yr Uwch Gynghair, a'i bod yn adeiladu ar yr hwb hwnnw. (WAQ64246)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): How is the Welsh Government ensuring that Swansea continues to benefit from and build upon the boost it has received from having a football club in the Premiership. (WAQ64246)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): The Welsh Government and City and County of Swansea have a joint Marketing Partnership with the Liberty Stadium and Swansea Football Club which includes branding of the North Stand as the "Croeso Stand", along with, access to tickets, the use of Stadium boxes, advertising on Sky and ESPN during coverage of Swansea City games, and pitch side advertising.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Sawl gwaith y mae'r Gweinidog wedi cwrdd â bwrdd Ardal Fenter Sain Tathan ers iddo gael ei sefydlu. (WAQ64247)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many times has the Minister met with the St Athan Enterprise Zone board since it was established. (WAQ64247)

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Edwina Hart: I established the Enterprise Zone Boards to engage with local key stakeholders and provide me with independent advice regarding the development of each Zone. I am in regular contact with the Chairs of each Enterprise Zone Board.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn yr ateb a roddwyd i WAQ62338, WAQ62339 a WAQ62340, a wnaiff y Gweinidog restru'r buddsoddwyr sector preifat sydd wedi dangos diddordeb yn Ardal Fenter Sain Tathan hyd yma. (WAQ64248)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to the answer given to WAQs 62338, 62339 and 62340, will the Minister list the private sector investors who have shown interest in the St Athan Enterprise Zone to date. (WAQ64248)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn yr ateb a roddwyd i WAQ62338, WAQ62339 a WAQ62340, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddiffinio'r hyn a olygir gan lefel galonogol o ddiddordeb, a'i feintoli drwy ddatgelu nifer y buddsoddwyr sector preifat sydd wedi datgan diddordeb pendant yn yr Ardal Fenter. (WAQ64249)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to the answer given to WAQs 62338, 62339 and 62340, will the Minister define "an encouraging level interest", and quantify it by revealing the number of private sector investors who have declared a firm interest in the Enterprise Zone. (WAQ64249)

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Edwina Hart: This information is commercial in confidence.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn yr ateb a roddwyd i WAQ62338, WAQ62339 a WAQ62340, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau ar ba ddyddiad y mae'n bwriadu cyflwyno ei datganiad. (WAQ64250)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to the answer given to WAQs 62338, 62339 and 62340, will the Minister confirm on what date she intends to bring forward her statement. (WAQ64250)

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Edwina Hart: Details on Oral Statements are included in the Business Statement.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Beth oedd yr amcangyfrif cychwynol o gost y tir a brynwyd gan y Gweinidog yn Ardal Fenter Canol Caerdydd, a beth oedd y gost derfynol y cytunwyd arni gan y Gweinidog. (WAQ64256)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What was initial estimate for the cost of the land purchased by the Minister in the Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone and what was the final cost agreed by the Minister. (WAQ64256)

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Edwina Hart: The purchase price is in line with external market valuation advice. The purchase price of the land will be in the public domain shortly.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau
To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A yw'r Gweinidog wedi cael unrhyw adroddiadau, archwiliadau (ac ati) sy'n priodoli'n uniongyrchol, yn rhannol o leiaf, y dirywiad yn safonau addysgol Cymru i'r 22 o Awdurdodau Addysg Lleol a gafodd eu creu ar ddechrau'r 1990au. (WAQ64255)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Has the Minister received any reports, audits (etc.) that directly attribute, at least in part, the decline in Welsh educational standards to the creation of 22 LEAs in the early 1990s. (WAQ64255)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): There are currently 5 local authorities in Wales found by Estyn to be in the category of special measures including some of Wales' smallest local authorities such as Blaenau Gwent and Merthyr Tydfil. HMCI herself highlighted in the forward to the recently published Estyn Annual Report that "the fact that many of the authorities that have been placed in categories are relatively small suggests that limited capacity is a significant factor".

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa ddadansoddiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gynnal o'r cynllun tocynnau bws am ddim, ac a wnaiff ddarparu manylion ynghylch a) nifer y tocynnau a gyhoeddwyd; b) y tocynnau nad ydynt yn cael eu defnyddio; c) amcangyfrif o nifer y teithiau a gymerir; a d) cost gyffredinol y cynllun, ar gyfer pob un o'r tair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ64251)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What analysis has the Minister undertaken of the free bus pass scheme and will he provide a breakdown of the a) number of passes issued; b) passes that are not used; c) estimated number of journeys taken; and d) the overall cost of the scheme, for each of the last three financial years. (WAQ64251)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): Quarterly analysis of returns submitted by local authorities. The additional information that was requested is provided in the table, below.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of passes in circulation	673,986	687,863	696,874 *
Number of passes not used **	N/A	N/A	270,742 **
Number of journeys undertaken (m)	49.3	50.2	50.0 *
Overall cost of the scheme (£m)	65.5	69.0	71.1 *

* Estimates at 6 March 2013.

** Those passes that were not used during the 12 months ending 6 March 2013. Prior to this, some data was recorded manually and is not available.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at gynlluniau peilot Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer tocynnau trên rhatach ar gyfer Rheilffordd Arfordir y Cambrian, Rheilffordd Wrecsam-Bidston, Rheilffordd Dyffryn Conwy a Rheilffordd Calon Cymru, a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am ganlyniadau ac am unrhyw gynlluniau posibl i ehangu'r cynllun hwn i gynnwys rhannau eraill o Gymru, gan gynnwys Bro Morgannwg. (WAQ64252)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to the Welsh Government's pilot schemes for concessionary rail travel on the Cambrian Coast Railway, Wrexham-Bidston, Conwy Valley, and Heart of Wales lines, will the Minister provide an update on outcomes and any potential plans to extend this scheme to other parts of Wales, including the Vale of Glamorgan. (WAQ64252)

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Carl Sargeant: We will conduct a review of the current Concessionary Fares Rail Schemes later this year.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am gynnig Llywodraeth Cymru i gyflwyno 'cerdyn call' ar gyfer system docynnau integredig, fel yr amlinellir yn y Strategaeth ar gyfer Pobl Hyn yng Nghymru 2013-23. (WAQ64253)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's proposal to introduce a 'smartcard' system of integrated ticketing, as outlined in the Strategy for Older People in Wales 2013-23. (WAQ64253)

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Carl Sargeant: A phased national rollout across the bus fleet is planned to start later this year..

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pa waith, os o gwbl, y mae ei swyddogion wedi'i wneud ar y cyd â'r Comisiynydd Pobl Hyn o ran integreiddio trafndiaeth yn well ar gyfer pobl hyn. (WAQ64254)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm what work, if any, his officials have undertaken in conjunction with the Older People's Commission in relation to better integration of transport for older people. (WAQ64254)

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Carl Sargeant: We consult the Older People's Commissioner on transport issues in which she has an interest.