

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 3 Gorffennaf 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 3 July 2013

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Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Diwylliant a Chwaraeon
To ask the Minister for Culture and Sport

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu ffigurau ar faint o gyllid Chwaraeon Cymru a ddefnyddir yn benodol i hyrwyddo beicio modur oddi-ar-y-ffordd yn gyfreithlon? (WAQ64999)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister provide figures on how much Sport Wales funding is used for the specific promotion of legal off-road motorcycling? (WAQ64999)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 08 Gorffennaf 2013
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The Minister for Culture and Sport (John Griffiths): Sport Wales invests £4,000 in the Welsh Motorcycle Federation to promote and offer opportunities for people to enjoy the sport of motorcycling in an appropriate, safe and structured setting. A further £15,000 is invested in five elite riders that compete for Wales in national and international championships.

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

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pryd y gall plentyn, a enir yn ystod ychydig funudau cyntaf mis Medi, gael lle mewn ysgol, gan nodi'r holl ddewisiadau sydd ar gael i rieni mewn achosion o'r fath? (WAQ65004)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister outline when a child, born minutes into September, may first receive a school place, detailing all options available to parents in such instances? (WAQ65004)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 02 Gorffennaf 2013
Answer received for publication on 02 July 2013

The Minister for Education and Skills (Huw Lewis): The Education Act 2006 s8 and the Education (Start of Compulsory School Age) Order 1998 provide that a child reaches compulsory school age in the term following their fifth birthday. The term dates are prescribed as 31 August, 31 December and 31 March. In Wales children are normally offered a place for admission to the Reception class of a school in the September following their fourth birthday. If a child is born on the 1 September they will normally start school on their fifth birthday. There is no general provision for such a child to enter full time education before this, unless the local authority is in a position to offer additional time in a nursery setting.

There is a duty on local authorities to ensure provision of nursery education (up to ten hours per week) to all children in the term following their third birthday. Attendance at a nursery attached to a school does not guarantee a place in the Reception class at that school; a separate application for admission to Reception will be required.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth
To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): A all adroddiadau cynghorwyr gael eu cyhoeddi ar y cyd gan aelodau mewn wardiau aml-aelod, lle maent yn dymuno cydweithio ar eu hadroddiad? (WAQ65000)

Peter Black (South Wales West): Can councillor reports be issued jointly by members in multi-member wards, where they wish to collaborate on their report? (WAQ65000)

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): A fydd disgwyl i awdurdodau lleol argraffu adroddiadau cynghorwyr i'w dosbarthu gan aelodau i'w hetholwyr os bydd cais iddynt wneud hynny? (WAQ65001)

Peter Black (South Wales West): Will local authorities be expected to print councillor reports for distribution by members to their electors if requested to do so? (WAQ65001)

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Er bod rhai awdurdodau lleol wedi drafftio templedi i aelodau eu defnyddio ar gyfer eu hadroddiadau blynyddol, a oes rheswm pam na ddylid caniatáu i aelodau ddylunio eu templedi eu hunain, ar yr amod nad ydynt yn hwy na'r uchafswm hyd a nodir yn y canllawiau a bod eu cynnwys yn cael ei gymeradwyo gan Swyddog Monitro'r cyngor? (WAQ65002)

Peter Black (South Wales West): Whilst some local authorities have drafted templates for members to use for their annual reports, is there any reason why members should not be allowed to design their own, provided they do not exceed the maximum length stipulated in the guidance and their content is approved by the council's Monitoring Officer? (WAQ65002)

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): A fydd disgwyl i gynghorwyr gyhoeddi adroddiad blynyddol ar gyfer 2012/14 ac yn y blynyddoedd dinesig ar ôl hynny ac, os felly, erbyn pa ddyddiadau? (WAQ65003)

Peter Black (South Wales West): Will Councillors be expected to publish an annual report for 2012/14 and in municipal years thereafter and, if so, by what dates? (WAQ65003)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 02 Gorffennaf 2013
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The Minister for Local Government and Government Business (Lesley Griffiths): Section 5 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 introduced a requirement upon Local Authorities to enable their Members to produce annual reports and to arrange for their publication. Local Authorities are required to have regard to guidance from Welsh Ministers: (<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/publications/statguide/?lang=en>)

The guidance makes clear it is for Local Authorities to decide how to publish the reports. Therefore, provided all the elected members in an electoral ward were happy to produce a joint report, this could happen if the Authority were content to enable this. In this situation, it is important to include a link to the combined reports in each of the Member web-pages.

There is nothing in the legislation or guidance which requires a Local Authority to make copies of an annual report. The guidance says an Authority should not give any greater publicity to a Councillor's report than the initial publication unless it is intended to do this for all members. If a Member wished to reproduce and distribute copies of their report, this would be a matter for the individual Member.

The guidance encourages Local Authorities to produce a standard template for their annual reports. It would be for an individual Authority to decide whether it felt it acceptable for a Member to design their own template.

If Local Authorities had already made arrangements to publish annual reports for 2012/13 before the statutory guidance came into force, I would encourage them to do so. They will certainly be expected to enable publication for 2013/14 and for each subsequent year. Each Local Authority can decide on the date of publication.