

**Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 6 January 2004  
for answer on 20 January 2004**

**R** - Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

**W** - Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

***To ask the First Minister***

**1. Mike German (South Wales East);** Will the First Minister make a statement on council tax increases in Wales. (OAQ30956)

**2. Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn);** Will the First Minister make a statement about bed-blocking in Wales. (OAQ30941)

**3. Brian Gibbons (Aberavon);** Can the First Minister make a statement on what the Assembly is doing to promote Wales abroad. (OAQ30958)

**4. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** Will the First Minister state what additional money the Assembly Government has invested in rural schools since 31 May 2003. (OAQ30953)

**5. Mark Isherwood (North Wales);** Will the First Minister make a statement on the role of partnership between Police and people in Wales. (OAQ30948)

**6. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);** Will the First Minister make a statement on the funding of the six weeks free personal care scheme. (OAQ30954)

**7. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr);** What are the Government's priorities for Health and Social Services during the next 12 months. (OAQ30945)

**8. Gwenda Thomas (Neath);** Will the First Minister make a statement on the recently introduced Tax Credits and the effect on child poverty in Wales. (OAQ30932)

**9. Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside);** Would the First Minister make a statement on how his Government is meeting the needs of Social Housing in Wales. (OAQ30950)

**10. Brynle Williams (North Wales);** What discussions has the First Minister had with the UK Government on the issue of lowering crime rates and increasing detection figures in North Wales. (OAQ30959)

**11. Peter Black (South Wales West);** Will the First Minister make a statement on any

additional resources available for Local Government as a result of recent statements by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. (OAQ30949)

**12. Lorraine Barrett (Cardiff South and Penarth);** Can the First Minister make a statement on community regeneration in Wales. (OAQ30952)

**13. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);** What discussions has the First Minister held with his colleagues in Westminster regarding GM crops in Wales. (OAQ30943)

**14. Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales);** Will the First Minister make a statement on the provision of sixth form education in secondary schools. (OAQ30940)

**15. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** Has the First Minister given consideration to extending the remit of the portfolio for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport. (OAQ30947)