

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 25 Mehefin 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 25 June 2012

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): O'r chwe pherson a gyflogir yn Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog, faint o swyddi gafodd eu creu o'r newydd yn llwyr ac yr oedd angen recriwtio'n allanol ar eu cyfer. (WAQ60630)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Of the 6 people employed in the First Minister's Delivery Unit, how many posts were entirely new creations and required external recruitment. (WAQ60630)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi dadansoddiad o'r holl gostau (e.e. – dodrefn, offer TG, nwyddau swyddfa ac ati) a oedd yn gysylltiedig â chreu'r Uned Gyflawni. (WAQ60631)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the First Minister provide a breakdown of all costs (e.g. – furniture, IT equipment, stationery etc.) associated with the creation of the Delivery Unit. (WAQ60631)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Beth yw'r amcangyfrif o gyfanswm costau gweithredu blynyddol Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog. (WAQ60632)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What is the estimated total operating cost for the First Minister's Delivery Unit per annum. (WAQ60632)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): Staffing in the Welsh Government is a matter for the Permanent Secretary and I have asked her to write to you.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am gyfraniad ariannol Llywodraeth Cymru at ymgyrch dwristiaeth ryngwladol Visit Britain, gan gyfeirio'n benodol at y farchnad Tsieniaidd a'r farchnad Asiaidd ehangach, a rhoi ffigurau ar gyfer pob un o'r tair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ60618)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail what financial contribution the Welsh Government makes to Visit Britain's international tourism campaign, with particular reference to the Chinese and wider Asian markets, giving figures for each of the last three financial years. (WAQ60618)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): Visit Wales does not provide financial contributions to Visit Britain's international tourism campaigns

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn mynd ati i hyrwyddo Cymru fel cyrchfan i dwristiaid ar gyfer ymwelwyr o Tsieina. (WAQ60619)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on what activity the Welsh Government undertakes in the promotion of Wales as a tourist destination for visitors from China. (WAQ60619)

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Edwina Hart: China is not a primary market for Wales tourism; in view of this, a strategic approach has been adopted based on working with Visit Britain as a lead partner in the market. Wales tourism is also promoted in China as part of wider Welsh Government international initiatives.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau nifer y cyfarfodydd un-i-un y mae wedi'u cynnal â'r Gweinidog Cyllid yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad er mwyn ceisio sicrhau bod ei phortffolio yn cynnwys gwerth am arian a gwariant effeithiol. (WAQ60624)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm the number of one-on-one meetings she has held with the Minister for Finance during the Fourth Assembly aimed at ensuring there is both value for money and effectiveness of spend across her portfolio. (WAQ60624)

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Edwina Hart: I have had seven formal meetings with the Finance Minister, occasionally with another Minister present. These are in addition to the ad hoc, informal discussions I have with her.

Gofyn i Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy
To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad ynghylch canllawiau cynllunio Llywodraeth Cymru a gyhoeddir i awdurdodau lleol wrth iddynt ystyried prosiectau ynni'r haul, gan gynnwys canllawiau ar gyfer prosiectau bach a mawr. (WAQ60623)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement in relation to Welsh Government planning guidance issued for local authorities when considering solar energy projects, including guidance for both small and large scale projects. (WAQ60623)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The Welsh Government has established planning policy and guidance on a range of renewable and low carbon energy projects. Planning Policy Wales (Edition 4, February 2011) sets out a number of issues with which local planning authorities should take into account when determining applications for all renewable and

low carbon energy proposals including proposals for solar. Our policy is supplemented by a range of technical advice, practice guidance and other supporting measures which assist local authorities in considering applications for all types of solar development where planning permission is required.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau nifer y cyfarfodydd un-i-un y mae wedi'u cynnal â'r Gweinidog Cyllid yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad er mwyn ceisio sicrhau bod ei bortffolio yn cynnwys gwerth am arian a gwariant effeithiol. (WAQ60625)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm the number of one-on-one meetings that he has held with the Minister for Finance during the Fourth Assembly aimed at ensuring there is both value for money and effectiveness of spend across his portfolio. (WAQ60625)

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John Griffiths: I have had seven formal meetings with the Finance Minister, occasionally with another Minister present as well as numerous informal discussions.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty
To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am y gost ariannol i Lywodraeth Cymru o brynu'r ffolderi coch gweinidogol newydd. (WAQ60620)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail the financial cost incurred by the Welsh Government for the purchase of the new ministerial red folders. (WAQ60620)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): The total cost was £648. This is the first time Ministers' folders have been replaced in 12 years.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am argaeledd therapi seibr-gylllell drwy GIG Cymru i gleifion canser yng Nghymru. (WAQ60621)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of cyberknife therapy on the Welsh NHS for cancer patients in Wales. (WAQ60621)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): Delivering fast, effective treatment is a key theme for action on Together for Health – A Cancer Delivery Plan, which I launched on 14 June. Health Boards plan and provide specialist services, such as radiotherapy treatment, through the 2 Cancer Networks and through their collective work on the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee.

Business cases for capital investment in radiotherapy facilities can be submitted to the Welsh Government by Health Boards or Velindre Trust and would be considered on a case by case basis through the normal scrutiny process. To date, no business case has been submitted for a Cyberknife facility.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau nifer y cyfarfodydd un-i-un y mae wedi'u cynnal â'r Gweinidog Cyllid yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad er mwyn ceisio sicrhau bod ei phortffolio yn cynnwys gwerth am arian a gwariant effeithiol. (WAQ60626)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm the number of one-on-one meetings that she has held with the Minister for Finance during the Fourth Assembly aimed at ensuring there is both value for money and effectiveness of spend across her portfolio. (WAQ60626)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Mehefin 2012
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Lesley Griffiths: I have had 8 such meetings.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth
To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau nifer y cyfarfodydd un-i-un y mae wedi'u cynnal â'r Gweinidog Cyllid yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad er mwyn ceisio sicrhau bod ei bortffolio yn cynnwys gwerth am arian a gwariant effeithiol. (WAQ60627)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm the number of one-on-one meetings that he has held with the Minister for Finance during the Fourth Assembly aimed at ensuring there is both value for money and effectiveness of spend across his portfolio. (WAQ60627)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Mehefin 2012
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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): I have had sixteen such meetings, occasionally with another Minister present.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael ag arweinydd newydd Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin ers yr etholiad ym mis Mai. (WAQ60634) W

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What discussions has the Minister had with Carmarthenshire Council's new leader since the election in May. (WAQ60634) W

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 22 Mehefin 2012
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Huw Lewis: Rwyf wedi trafod Tai a Chefnogi Pobl gyda'r Arweinydd.

Huw Lewis: I have discussed Housing and Supporting People with the Leader.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau

To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cynnal â Llywodraeth y DU neu'r Weinyddiaeth Amddiffyn ynghylch cadw Gwarchodlu Dragwn y Frenhines, gan roi dyddiadau unrhyw gyfarfodydd o'r fath a'r swyddogion/Gweinidogion y mae wedi cael cyfarfodydd â hwy. (WAQ60622)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What meetings has the Minister held with the UK Government or the Ministry of Defence in relation to the retention of the Queen's Dragoon Guards, giving the dates of any such meetings and the officials/Ministers with whom he has met. (WAQ60622)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Mehefin 2012
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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): I have not had meetings but in a letter on 22 May to the Secretary of State for Defence I expressed the Welsh Government's concerns about the implications for Wales of the proposed reduction in the Armed Forces, and specifically the threat to the Queen's Dragoon Guards and the Royal Welsh.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau nifer y cyfarfodydd un-i-un y mae wedi'u cynnal â'r Gweinidog Cyllid yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad er mwyn ceisio sicrhau bod ei bortffolio yn cynnwys gwerth am arian a gwariant effeithiol. (WAQ60628)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm the number of one-on-one meetings that he has held with the Minister for Finance during the Fourth Assembly aimed at ensuring there is both value for money and effectiveness of spend across his portfolio. (WAQ60628)

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Carl Sargeant: I have had 8 such meetings, occasionally with another Minister present.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa sylwadau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cyflwyno i Lywodraeth y DU ynghylch cadw Gwarchodlu Dragwn y Frenhines. (WAQ60629)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What representations has the Minister made to the UK Government in relation to the retention of the Queen's Dragoon Guards. (WAQ60629)

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Carl Sargeant: I have written to the Secretary of State for Defence expressing the Welsh Government's concerns about the consequences that the disbandment of the regiment would have for Wales. This includes the impact of redundancies in Wales and the loss of opportunities for Welsh men and women to build a career and serve in a Welsh regiment. I have also sought assurance that any proposals about reductions will have taken account of the strength of regional recruiting and representation rather than being based simply on whose turn it is next to be amalgamated.

Gofyn i Gomisiwn y Cynulliad
To ask the Assembly Commission

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa asesiad y mae'r Comisiwn wedi'i wneud o (a) y modd y mae Senedd.tv yn ennyn diddordeb y cyhoedd yn ehangach yng Nghynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru; a (b) potensial hynny i roi hwb i'r nifer sy'n pleidleisio yn etholiadau'r Cynulliad. (WAQ60633)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What assessment has the Commission made of (a) the ways in which Senedd.tv generates wider public interest in the National Assembly for Wales; and (b) its potential for boosting turnout for Assembly elections. (WAQ60633)

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Assembly Commissioner (Rhodri Glyn Thomas): The Commission has made no formal assessment of the potential for its audio-visual systems to affect Assembly election turnout, though one its four strategic goals is to engage with the people of Wales by creating an environment that encourages interest in the work of the Assembly. Having user-friendly systems that allow people to observe and engage with formal Assembly business is critical to the achievement of this goal.

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