

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

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

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o'r holl gyrsiau hyfforddi y bu gweithwyr Llywodraeth Cymru arnynt yn ystod 2011 a'u costau cysylltiedig. (WAQ60097)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the First Minister provide a breakdown of all training courses attended by Welsh Government employees in 2011 and their associated costs. (WAQ60097)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): This information can only be provided at a disproportionate cost.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Ers cyhoeddiad Llywodraeth Cymru ei bod wrthi'n ceisio sefydlu cysylltiadau hedfan rhwng Caerdydd a Tsieina, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu manylion unrhyw ohebiaeth ysgrifenedig neu gyfarfodydd y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cael mewn perthynas â sefydlu'r cyswllt hedfan hwn. (WAQ60105)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Since the Welsh Government's announcement that it is actively seeking to establish air links between Cardiff and China, will the First Minister provide details of any meetings or written correspondence that the Welsh Government has undertaken in relation to establishing this air link. (WAQ60105)

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The First Minister: We regularly attend meetings and deal with correspondence regarding air links. These discussions are commercial in confidence.

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael a pha ohebiaeth sydd wedi bod rhwng y Gweinidog a Llywodraeth y DU ynghylch defnyddio TAW ar gartrefi mewn parciau gwyliau (carafanau statig) o fis Hydref 2012 ymlaen. (WAQ60098)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What discussions or communications has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the application of VAT on holiday park homes (static caravans) from October 2012. (WAQ60098)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): I have had no discussions or communications with the UK Government regarding the application of VAT on holiday

park homes. The 20 percent increase in VAT is an action undertaken by the UK Government and is a non devolved issue.

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad manwl o gyllid Llywodraeth Cymru a ddyrannwyd o'r gyllideb Addysg i gefnogi unigolion sydd ag Awtistiaeth fesul blwyddyn a phrosiect er 2008. (WAQ60094)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of Welsh Government funding allocated from the Education budget to support individuals with Autism by year and projects since 2008. (WAQ60094)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): There is no direct funding for Autism from the Education and Skills Department budgets. The statutory duty to provide services for learners with special educational needs including autism, is delegated to local authorities and any funding will come from within the Revenue Support Grant.

The policy lead for the Autistic Strategy in Wales rests with the Deputy Minister for Social Services and Children.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r holl gostau (gan gynnwys cyfraniadau pensiwn) sy'n gysylltiedig â chyflogi Comisiynwyr Addysg Blaenau Gwent. (WAQ60095)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister outline all costs (including pension contributions) associated with the employment of the Blaenau Gwent Education Commissioners. (WAQ60095)

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Leighton Andrews: The costs associated with the employment of the Blaenau Gwent Education Commissioners are £118 k as at 31 March 2012, made up of a daily fee and reasonable expenses. The Education Commissioners are fee paid staff and as such pension contributions are not applicable.

We expect a local authority to bear the costs of any intervention.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A oes gan Lywodraeth Cymru unrhyw gynlluniau i adolygu'r gwahaniaeth rhwng statws QTLS (Athro Cymwysedig Dysgu a Sgiliau) a SAC (Statws Athro Cymwysedig) yng Nghymru. (WAQ60110)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Does the Welsh Government have any plans to review the difference in status of QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning & Skills) and QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) in Wales. (WAQ60110)

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Leighton Andrews: The Welsh Government carried out a consultation seeking views on introducing updated qualifications regulations for school teachers in Wales between 5 December 2011 and 30 January 2012. This consultation included the issue of whether teachers with further education qualifications (which would include the English-only Qualified Teacher Learning & Skills status) should be able to teach in school classrooms in an unrestricted way on the same basis as qualified school teachers with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

The consultation proposed that this equivalence should not be introduced. Although there are a range of common issues relating to teaching skills, the requirements to be met in gaining further education teaching qualifications do not cover all the elements contained in the QTS Standards, which have very specific requirements on being able to know, understand and teach the relevant curriculum for learners in schools.

Having considered fully the responses received during consultation, the School Teachers' Qualifications (Wales) Regulations 2012 have been made in line with the proposals in the consultation, and came into effect from 1 April 2012.

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r holl gostau cyfreithiol sy'n gysylltiedig â'r cynnig y rhoddwyd y gorau iddo i ddifa moch daear fel rhan o'r frwydr yn erbyn TB buchol hyd yn hyn. (WAQ60096)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister outline all legal costs associated with the aborted proposal to cull badgers as part of the fight against Bovine TB to date. (WAQ60096)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The majority of legal costs associated with the proposed culling of badgers were in relation to preparation and litigation concerning the Tuberculosis Eradication (Wales) Order 2009, which were incurred by the previous Government.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am bolisi iechyd anifeiliaid Llywodraeth Cymru mewn perthynas â gallu ffermwr i ailstocio ar ôl achos o TB buchol, gyda phwyslais penodol ar reoliadau iechyd anifeiliaid newydd o 1 Ionawr 2012 ymlaen yn y maes hwn. (WAQ60104)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's animal health policy in relation to a farmer's ability to restock after a Bovine TB breakdown, with specific emphasis on new animal health regulations from January 1st 2012 in this area. (WAQ60104)

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John Griffiths: In order to regain Officially TB free (OTF) status, it is necessary for breakdown herds with OTF Withdrawn (OTF(W)) status to test clear at two consecutive short interval tests. These are required at no less than 60 day intervals following the removal of the last TB reactor from the holding.

Historically while the default position was to permit no movements on, AHVLA in exceptional circumstances and following a satisfactory veterinary risk assessment, permitted the movement of cattle onto an OTF(W) breakdown premises before completion of the first Short Interval Test (SIT) where it was possible to isolate the purchased animals. Such animals were subject to the same testing requirements as the original herd

Following audit by the European Commission's Food and Veterinary Office (FVO), which is responsible for ensuring that Community legislation on food safety and animal health and welfare is properly implemented and enforced, the decision has been taken to end this arrangement.

To this end, requests to authorize movements onto OTF (W) premises will continue to be assessed on a case-by-case basis, but will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances, following a satisfactory veterinary risk assessment, and the completion of the first SIT.

AHVLA guidance is available at the following link: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla/2012/01/27/ending-of-licensing-of-cattle-onto-otf-w-premises-prior-to-completion-of-first-short-interval-test/>

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): O gofio ymrwymiad Llywodraeth Cymru i weithredu'r Gyfarwydeb Adar yn llawn, sut y bydd y dynodiadau Parth Cadwraeth Morol arfaethedig yn amddiffyn adar y môr yn well. (WAQ60107)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Given the Welsh Government's commitment to full implementation of the Birds Directive, how will the proposed Marine Conservation Zone designations enhance seabird protection. (WAQ60107)

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John Griffiths: The level of protection intended for Marine Conservation Zones in Welsh waters means the sea bed, overlying waters and wildlife within the sites will be protected from the effects of deposits and extractions, as well as other potentially damaging or disturbing activities. Therefore although the criteria for site selection are based on habitat diversity in order to best enhance ecosystem resilience and recovery

(rather than the presence of particular species) species which use the sites, including seabirds who use them for foraging and/ or feeding areas, will benefit from this high level of protection.

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu unrhyw gostau sy'n gysylltiedig â melysion a gafodd Llywodraeth Cymru yn 2011. (WAQ60093)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister outline any costs relating to confectionary incurred by the Welsh Government in 2011. (WAQ60093)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): The Assembly Government does not record expenditure at such a detailed level. To provide this information would therefore incur disproportionate cost.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o'r holl bapurau newydd, cylchgronau, cyfnodolion a chyhoeddiadau eraill y mae Gweinidogion Llywodraeth Cymru a'u huwch staff yn tanysgrifio iddynt a chost flynyddol y tanysgrifiadau hynny. (WAQ60099)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of all newspapers, magazines, periodicals and other publications subscribed to by Welsh Government Ministers and their senior staff and the resultant annual cost of these subscriptions. (WAQ60099)

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Jane Hutt: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the Internet.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o faint y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wario ar arlwyo a lletygarwch yn 2011. (WAQ60100)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide a breakdown on how much the Welsh Government has spent on catering and hospitality in 2011. (WAQ60100)

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Jane Hutt: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Beth yw'r amcangyfrif o werth yr holl dir, gan gynnwys tir a oedd yn arfer bod yn berchen i Awdurdod Datblygu Cymru, sy'n berchen i Lywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ60101)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What is the estimated value of all land, including land previously owned by the Welsh Development Agency, which is owned by the Welsh Government. (WAQ60101)

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Jane Hutt: It has not been possible to collate the requested information within the required timescales. I will write to you as soon as possible and a copy of my letter will be published on the Internet.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Beth yw'r amcangyfrif o werth y tir sy'n berchen i Lywodraeth Cymru a oedd yn arfer bod yn berchen i Awdurdod Datblygu Cymru. (WAQ60102)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What is the estimated value of land owned by the Welsh Government which was previously owned by the Welsh Development Agency. (WAQ60102)

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Jane Hutt: The current estimated open market value of land owned by the Welsh Government which was previously owned by the Welsh Development Agency (WDA) is £138,645,900. This figure includes a number of properties that have been acquired by the Welsh Government since merger in 2006 and added to adjoining former WDA sites. Site valuations for these acquisitions have since been merged and are not separately recorded.

The detailed valuation is in respect of all properties "held pending development", which comprises primarily land but also includes built, former industrial properties.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan roi ffigurau ar gyfer pob blwyddyn o 1999 i 2011, a wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu cyfanswm gwerth y tir a oedd yn berchen i Lywodraeth Cymru a gafodd ei werthu. (WAQ60103)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Giving figures for each year from 1999 to 2011, will the Minister outline the aggregate value of land owned by the Welsh Government which was sold. (WAQ60103)

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Jane Hutt: It has not been possible to collate the requested information within the required timescales. I will write to you as soon as possible and a copy of my letter will be published on the Internet.

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am argaeledd profion gwaed microarae i gleifion ym mhob ardal bwrdd iechyd lleol. (WAQ60106)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of microarray blood testing for patients in each local health board area. (WAQ60106)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): This information is not held centrally.

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa arweinwyr Awdurdod Lleol y mae'r Gweinidog wedi cwrdd â nhw, a sawl gwaith, yn 2011-12. (WAQ60108)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): With which Local Authority leaders has the Minister met, and on how many occasions, in 2011-12. (WAQ60108)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The information is in the following table. It does not include telephone conversations or occasions such as conferences and other organised events which I have attended and at which local authority Leaders were present.

Leader	Local Authority	Number of Meetings
Cllr Bryan Owen	Anglesey	1
Cllr Alun Thomas	Neath Port Talbot	3
Cllr John Davies	Pembrokeshire	1
Cllr Meryl Gravell	Carmarthenshire	1
Cllr Ron Davies	Wrexham	1
Cllr Dilwyn Roberts	Conwy	1
Cllr Mel Nott	Bridgend	2
Cllr Gordon Kemp	Vale of Glamorgan	2
Cllr Jeff Edwards	Merthyr Tydfil	1
Cllr John Mason	Blaenau Gwent	1

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am ymrwymiad Llywodraeth Cymru i ddarparu gwasanaeth trên bob awr rhwng Glynwby a Chasnewydd. (WAQ60109)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's commitment to provide an hourly rail service between Ebbw Vale and Newport. (WAQ60109)

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Carl Sargeant: My prioritised National Transport Plan refers to the introduction of the trial bus service between Rogerstone and Newport as the first step towards introducing hourly rail services between Ebbw Vale and Newport.

The bus trial commenced in January 2012 and will be evaluated after six and twelve months. The results will be incorporated into a current business case appraisal to inform future decisions regarding a rail service between Ebbw Vale and Newport.