

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 2 Tachwedd 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 2 November 2011

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion faint o gyllid cydgyfeirio a roddwyd o'r neilltu ar gyfer Cynllun Arloesi Tywysog Cymru (POWIS). (WAQ58215)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister detail the amount of convergence funding set aside for The Prince of Wales Innovation Scheme (POWIS). (WAQ58215)

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Faint o gyllid sydd wedi'i ymrwymo ond heb ei dynnu i lawr eto ar gyfer POWIS. (WAQ58216)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): How much funding has been committed but not yet drawn down for POWIS. (WAQ58216)

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Beth oedd y dyddiad gorffen/amserlen ar gyfer POWIS. (WAQ58217)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What was the end date/timeframe for POWIS. (WAQ58217)

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog restru pob ysgolor POWIS, eu cymwysterau a'r brifysgol roeddent wedi'u cofrestru ynddi. (WAQ58218)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister list each POWIS scholar, their qualifications and the university they were enrolled with. (WAQ58218)

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa drafodaethau diweddar y mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu cynnal â'r Grwp Dydd Gwyl Dewi ynghylch POWIS. (WAQ58219)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What recent discussions has the Minister held with the St David's Day Group regarding POWIS. (WAQ58219)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): The £11.361 million Prince of Wales Innovation Scholarship (POWIS) scheme was initially awarded EU Convergence funding of £5.082m to deliver its scheme between January 2009 and December 2014. The remaining project cost of £6.279m (i.e. match funding) was to be met by the University of Wales, as lead sponsor of POWIS, as well as businesses participating in the scheme.

A Welsh Government review of POWIS identified management and governance shortcomings, which in turn raised questions over the eligibility of EU expenditure. As a result, EU payments have been suspended; the University of Wales has been paid £0.402m to date.

The University has agreed to scale back the EU funded project, while WEFO has agreed to honour existing contractual funding commitments to the University in respect of eligible scholars (up to 18 scholars in total). This commitment and future EU payments are subject to University's assurances on the quality of academic support and supervision being forthcoming.

Disclosing the names of the individual scholars would be a breach of the Data Protection Act. There is no over-riding public interest in the disclosure of the names, as the public interest is that the eligible scholars (up to 18) possess suitable academic qualifications in line with the objectives of the agreed business plan with WEFO.

I have not had discussions with the St David's Day Group regarding the POWIS scheme.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn ei hateb i WAQ58106, a wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi pa unigolion a/neu fusnesau a gyflogwyd ar gyfer pob gwasanaeth a gyflenwyd yn ystod y gwaith o ddatblygu a gweithredu cynllun amaeth-amgylchedd Glastir. (WAQ58223)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to her reply to WAQ58106, will the Minister identify which individuals and/or businesses were employed for each service delivered during the development and implementation of the Glastir agri-environment scheme. (WAQ58223)

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): The individuals and/or businesses which provided a service during the development and implementation of the Glastir agri-environment scheme, referred to in the Ministers response to WAQ58106 were:
External Validation of Glastir Payment Rates:

ADAS
Bumble Bee Trust
Programme Governance, Quality and Assurance:
Peter Hillman Associates
On farm Assessment for Water Quality:
Environment Agency
Education and Training (Farmers and Staff):
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
Institute of Biological, Environment and Rural Sciences
Menter & Business
RSPB
Anglesey Red Squirrel
Marketing:
Wallace Walker Management

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o'r holl wariant o dan Echel Cymorth Technegol Cynllun Datblygu Gwledig Cymru yn ystod y blynyddoedd ariannol 2009-10 a 2010-11. (WAQ58224)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of all expenditure under the Technical Assistance Axis of the Wales Rural Development Plan during the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11. (WAQ58224)

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Alun Davies: Article 66 of Council Regulation (EC)1698/2005 provides for Technical Assistance to be funded through the Rural Development Plan to finance its preparation, management, monitoring, evaluation, information, and control activities. During the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial years the following amounts were spent under the Technical Assistance Axis:

	2009/10	2010/11
Wales Rural Network	£210,175	£209,226
Wales Rural Observatory	£0	£617,392
Communications	£10,213	£2,344
Monitoring and Evaluation (Mid Term Evaluation and Ongoing Evaluation)	£0	£318,590
Programme Monitoring Committee	£3,192	£2,952

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn y datganiad ysgrifenedig a gyhoeddwyd ar 19 Hydref 2011 o'r enw 'Hawlio taliadau Ewropeaidd ddwywaith ar yr un tir', a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi esboniad ynghylch y cynigion i 'gynyddu'r rheolaethau' o 2012 ymlaen. (WAQ58225)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to the written statement issued on 19th October 2011 titled 'Dual use of land by farmers claiming European payments' will the minister provide an explanation relating to the proposals to 'enhance controls from 2012.' (WAQ58225)

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Alun Davies: The enhanced controls will involve officials writing to those claimants involved in dual use in 2012 to seek confirmation that they meet their scheme specific requirements, including Cross Compliance and request details of the exact basis of their occupation of the land.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa fuddsoddiad y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wneud i gefnogi busnesau morol yng Nghymru. (WAQ58226)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What investment has the Welsh Government made to support marine businesses in Wales. (WAQ58226)

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Edwina Hart: The Welsh Government has provided a range of investment and support to marine businesses. This has included investment through the Welsh European Structural funds, Tourism grants and the European Fisheries Fund, as well as support for projects through the Energy and Environment Sector.

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

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): A fydd Papur Gwyrdd yn cael ei gyhoeddi ar y Bil Strwythurau, Llywodraethu ac Anghenion Addysgol Arbennig (Cymru). (WAQ58221)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will there be a green paper on The Structures, Governance and Special Educational Needs (Wales) Bill. (WAQ58221)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): There will be meaningful engagement and consultation with key stakeholders on the contents of the Bill. The precise form of this will be determined closer to the event.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa sylwadau y mae wedi'u cael ynghylch y cynigion gan Gyngor Sir Caerfyrddin i ad-drefnu addysg uwchradd. (WAQ58222)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister outline what representations he has received relating to secondary education re-organisation proposals by Carmarthenshire County Council. (WAQ58222)

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Leighton Andrews: Carmarthenshire local authority published statutory notices for the reorganisation of secondary schools in the Dinefwr area on 14 September 2011, allowing those who wished to do so the opportunity to object to the proposals. The public notice requested that objections be sent to the local authority by 14 October 2011.

During the objection period I received 4 items of correspondence which were forwarded to the local authority for consideration. Since the end of the objection period on 14 October 2011, I have received one further item of correspondence.

The local authority has recently submitted all objections that arose in respect of their statutory notice to Welsh Ministers, and a total of 45 objections had been lodged during the one month period. I am under a duty to determine proposals that have resulted in objections, and will consider all statutory objections during the course of my deliberations on this matter.

Changes to secondary schools in Carmarthenshire have been subject to local discussion for some time and in the period from 1 September 2010 to 13 September 2011, I received 9 items of correspondence.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu manylion unrhyw drafodaethau a chyfarfodydd y mae wedi cymryd rhan ynddynt yn ystod 2011 ynghylch darparu addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg yn sir Gaerfyrddin. (WAQ58227)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide details of any discussions and meetings in which the Minister has been involved in 2011 regarding the provision of Welsh Medium education in Carmarthenshire. (WAQ58227)

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Leighton Andrews: I have not been involved in any discussions or meetings in 2011 regarding the provision of Welsh-medium education in Carmarthenshire.

I am aware of school organisation proposals in the area. However, as these proposals may need to be determined by Welsh Ministers, it is not appropriate for me to be involved in any discussions regarding the provision.

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Beth yw swyddogaeth pwyllgorau fformiwlari / therapiwteg a chyffuriau lleol ar lefel bwrdd iechyd ac ar lefel leol ar ôl i gynnyrch gael ei gymeradwyo gan naill ai Grwp Strategol Meddyginiaethau Cymru Gyfan (AWMSG) neu NICE. (WAQ58220)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What is the role of local drugs and therapeutics / formulary committees at both Health Board and Locality Level once a product is approved by either the AWMSG or NICE. (WAQ58220)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 31 Hydref 2011
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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): The AWMSG Secretariat, the Welsh Medicines Partnership (WMP), disseminates confirmation of ratification of AWMSG advice to all Medicines and Therapeutics Committees (MTCs) within NHS Wales electronically. The information is posted on the website of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) at www.wales.nhs.uk/awmsg, and may also be published in the update newsletter of the Chief Medical Officer. MTCs disseminate the advice amongst prescribers within their locality.

If a medicine is recommended by AWMSG and approved by Welsh Government, there is a requirement on Health Boards to provide funding to enable implementation within three months of ratification. Inclusion of approved medicines within local formularies is a function of the formulary committees at a local level. MTCs may prioritise which medicines should be adopted as first line treatment, and develop local guidelines for implementation. MTCs are involved in implementing the decisions of AWMSG at a local level and may also be involved in producing shared care protocols. Implementation of guidance from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) and AWMSG are dealt with similarly.

Lynne Neagle (Tor-faen): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ystyried ei gwneud yn ofynnol bod byrddau iechyd yn cyhoeddi nifer y ceisiadau ar gyfer cyffuriau drud penodol o dan y broses Cais Cyllido Claf Unigol, ynghyd â nifer y ceisiadau a gymeradwywyd ac a wrthodwyd ar gyfer cyffuriau penodol. (WAQ58228)

Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister consider requiring Health Boards to publish the numbers of applications for specific high cost drugs under the Individual Patient Funding Request process, together with the numbers of approvals and refusals for specific drugs. (WAQ58228)

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Lesley Griffiths: Officials have asked Public Health Wales to collate this information and when available I will consider publishing it on an all-Wales basis. Patient confidentiality must remain paramount and we must ensure that no patient can be identified inadvertently through the publication of such information.