Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 23 September 2003 for answer on 7 October 2003

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. Elin Jones (Ceredigion); Will the First Minister make a statement on economic inactivity levels in Wales. (OAQ28413)

2. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West); How significant will the initial reduction be in prescription charges. (OAQ28412) **WITHDRAWN**

3. Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside); Would the First Minister make a statement on Further Education in the Alyn and Deeside Constituency. (OAQ28407) **R**

4. Mick Bates (Montgomery); Will the Minister make a statement on what is being done to support older people to enable them to stay independent in their own homes. (OAQ28424)

5. Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales); Will the First Minister make a statement about the government's long term plans for accident and emergency services in West Wales. (OAQ28414) **WITHDRAWN**

6. Denise Idris Jones (Conwy); Will the First Minister make a statement on the loss of jobs at Austin Taylor in Bethesda. (OAQ28426)

7. Mike German (South Wales East); Will the First Minister make a statement on what is being done to ensure that there is access to financial services throughout Wales, including in our most disadvantaged communities. (OAQ28431)

8. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales); What steps are being taken to tackle underachievement, truancy and exclusion in order to improve educational opportunity. (OAQ28422)

9. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley); Will the Minister make a statement about improving transport links into the South Wales Valleys. (OAQ28406)

10. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East); Will the First Minister make a statement on the implementation timetable of the government's forward work programme. (OAQ28418)

WITHDRAWN

11. Sandy Mewies (Delyn); Would the First Minister make a statement on the provision of neurological services in Flintshire. (OAQ28408)

12. Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales); Will the First Minister make a statement on his government's policy on the ability of Welsh pensioners to pay current levels of council tax. (OAQ28423)

13. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central); What discussions has the First Minister had with the United Kingdom Government with the aim of strengthening Wales voice within the European Community. (OAQ28410) **W**

14. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales); Will the First Minister make a statement about the licensing of houses of multiple occupancy in Mid and West Wales. (OAQ28409)

15. Alun Ffred Jones (Caernarfon); Will the First Minister make a statement on the decline in GVA (Gross Value Added) per head levels in Wales as a proportion of the UK average, between 1999 and 2001. (OAQ28411)