

**Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 1 October 2003
for answer on 15 October 2003**

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(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Services

- 1. Gwenda Thomas (Neath);** Would the Minister make a statement on how the National Assembly's policies have helped to improve local public services in Neath Port Talbot. (OAQ28770)
- 2. Mark Isherwood (North Wales);** Will the Minister make a statement on the role of County Councils and local County Councillors in Communities First areas. (OAQ28777)
- 3. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);** Will the Minister make a statement on the local government elections next year. (OAQ28768)
- 4. Leighton Andrews (Rhondda);** Can the Minister make a statement on the financial settlement for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council for 2003-04. (OAQ28743)
- 5. Brian Gibbons (Aberavon);** Can the Minister make a statement on the voting arrangements for next year's local government elections. (OAQ28647)
- 6. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr);** Will the Minister make a statement on the past-service awards, introduced for councillors. (OAQ29731)
- 7. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales);** Will the Minister make a statement on Council Tax rates in Mid and West Wales. (OAQ28751)
- 8. David Davies (Monmouth);** Will the local government funding settlement reflect the increase in funding costs which local authorities face. (WAQ28665)
- 9. William Graham (South Wales East);** Does the Minister intend to follow the UK Deputy Prime Minister with regard to capping council tax levels if local authorities propose big increases. (OAQ28752)
- 10. Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Can the Minister give assurances that the local authority settlement in her forthcoming budget will not put Councils in the position of having to impose massive council tax rises. (OAQ28746)

11. Mike German (South Wales East); What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Treasury regarding prudential borrowing. (OAQ28747)

12. Leanne Wood (South Wales Central); Will the Minister make a statement on the new council tax valuation bands. (OAQ28734)

13. Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside); Would the Minister make a statement on the implications of the new council tax banding exercise. (OAQ28645)

14. Brian Gibbons (Aberavon); Will the Minister make a statement on the purpose of the Deprivation Grant to local government. (OAQ28648)

15. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen); Will the Minister outline discussions held with local government in Wales about improving the quality of local public services. (OAQ28750)

To ask the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport

1. Val Lloyd (Swansea East); Can the Minister make a statement on plans to commemorate the great icons of Welsh culture. (OAQ28717)

2. Mark Isherwood (North Wales); Will the Minister make a statement on whether the Welsh Assembly Government will support a National Museum in North Wales. (OAQ28657)

3. Mike German (South Wales East); Will the Minister make a statement on Assembly Government funding for English Language theatre in Wales. (OAQ28728)

4. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central); What discussions has the Minister had regarding London's bid for the 2012 Olympics. (OAQ28652)

5. Eleanor Burnham (North Wales); What discussions has the Minister had with the Welsh Books Council concerning the promotion of English-medium works. (OAQ28661)

6. Denise Idris Jones (Conwy); Will the Minister make a statement on why the new swimming pool due to be built in Llandudno is not of Olympic standard as the one in Swansea. (OAQ28670)

7. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire); Will the Minister make a statement on funding for Arts Centres in Mid Wales. (OAQ28709)

8. Leighton Andrews (Rhondda); Will the Minister make a statement on support for community arts. (OAQ28700)

9. Rosemary Butler (Newport West); What discussions has the Minister had with Italian

officials regarding the treatment of Welsh football fans during the Italy Vs Wales qualifying game for Euro 2004. (OAQ28723)

10. David Davies (Monmouth); What is the Minister doing to increase participation in Local Authority run leisure centres. (OAQ28669)

11. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central); Will the Minister make a statement on the proposed development of the Red Dragon Film Studios in Rhondda Cynon Taf. (OAQ28653)

12. William Graham (South Wales East); Will the Minister make a statement on how he will ensure that the festival to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Cardiff being made the capital city will be celebrated throughout the whole of Wales. (OAQ28699)

13. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire); What progress is the Minister making to ensure a strong voice and representation for Wales on OFCOM. (OAQ28708)

14. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central); Will the Minister make a statement on the role that Wales' historical monuments and sites can play in the nation's developing cultural tourism product. (OAQ28706)

15. Mark Isherwood (North Wales); What plans does the Welsh Assembly Government have for a National Gallery of Contemporary Art in Wales. (OAQ28656)

To ask a Representative of the House Committee

1. John Griffiths (Newport East); What steps will be taken to ensure better food labelling in the Assembly. (OAQ28730)

2. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly); What consideration has been given to providing a place for a plaque to the International Brigade in the new Assembly building. (OAQ28662)