

41922Written Assembly Questions for answer on 8 March 2005

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(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the First Minister

Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central): How often does the First Minister or a representative of his Government receive reports from the Inter-Departmental Archives Committee (IDAC). (WAQ41861)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the First Minister make available the letter that he wrote to Ken Livingstone in relation to his comments to a Jewish journalist. (WAQ41866)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Has the First Minister had any discussions with the Secretary of State for Wales or any Cabinet members at Westminster regarding proposals for detention without trial and house arrest, and if so will he give details of those discussions, and if not does he intend to raise this issue. (WAQ41910)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many people work for the Welsh Assembly Government in locations other than Cardiff, giving location. (WAQ41911)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many people worked for the Welsh Assembly Government in each location in every year since 1999. (WAQ41912)

David Davies (Monmouth): Does the Welsh Assembly Government have any plans to celebrate the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar. (WAQ41931)

David Davies (Monmouth): What plans does the Welsh Assembly Government have to support any events commemorating the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar. (WAQ41932)

To ask the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What support, both financial and otherwise, does the Welsh Assembly Government provide for rugby in Wales. (WAQ41914)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What support is the Welsh Assembly Government giving to the Hay Festival in 2005. (WAQ41916)

To ask the Minister for Economic Development and Transport

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance is being given by the Welsh Assembly Government in the promotion of Rhayader and the Elan Valley area of Powys as tourist areas. (WAQ41864)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What plans does the Minister have for regulating traffic and ensuring road safety for road users and pedestrians during the time of the Royal Welsh Show for 2005. (WAQ41867)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Has the Minister had any discussions with UK Government Ministers about road signing for Knighton, Presteigne and Hay on trunk roads in England. If so will he give details, and if not, will he raise the issue with UK Government Ministers to ensure proper signage. (WAQ41868)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on cycling tourism in Wales. (WAQ41869)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How does the average salary for men and women in Wales compare with other regions of the UK. (WAQ41870)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister set out the average salary for Welsh workers, both male and female, in every year since 1999. (WAQ41871)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the National Audit Office Report on renewable energy and its finding that wind is the most expensive way to fund carbon emission reductions in Britain. (WAQ41873)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the German government's Energy Agency Report and its statement that wind farms prove a costly form of reducing greenhouse gases. (WAQ41874)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister list the projects that have benefited from Objective One funding in Gwynedd, with the amount of funding and the number of jobs created in each case, indicating whether the jobs are full-time or part-time. (WAQ41879)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister list the projects that have benefited from Objective One funding in Ceredigion, with the amount of funding and the number of jobs created in each case, indicating whether the jobs are full-time or part-time. (WAQ41880)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister list the projects that have benefited from Objective One funding in Pembrokeshire, with the amount of funding and the number of jobs created in each case, indicating whether the jobs are full-time or part-time. (WAQ41881)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister list the projects that have benefited from Objective One funding in Carmarthenshire, with the amount of funding and the number of jobs created in each case, indicating whether the jobs are full-time or part-time. (WAQ41882)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement about the vacancies in the Aberystwyth Technium. (WAQ41885)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the current cost of the Technium project, and how many people are directly employed in businesses based in Technium centres. (WAQ41886)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Does the Welsh Assembly Government have a policy with regard to the proliferation of road signs in certain communities in Wales. (WAQ41889)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement concerning the road works on the A40 south of Wolfscastle in Pembrokeshire. (WAQ41890)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance does the Welsh Assembly Government provide towards the promotion of tourism in Fishguard. (WAQ41891)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance does the Welsh Assembly Government provide towards the promotion of tourism in St David's, Pembrokeshire. (WAQ41892)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance does the Welsh Assembly Government provide towards the promotion of tourism in Ceredigion. (WAQ41893)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance does the Welsh Assembly Government provide towards the promotion of tourism in Newport, Pembrokeshire. (WAQ41894)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance does the Welsh Assembly Government provide in the promotion of tourism in Powys. (WAQ41898)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance does the Welsh Assembly Government provide in the promotion of tourism in Carmarthenshire. (WAQ41899)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance does the Welsh Assembly Government provide in the promotion of tourism in Gwynedd. (WAQ41900)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What assistance does the Welsh Assembly

Government provide in the promotion of tourism in National Parks. (WAQ41901)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many fatalities, and how many serious accidents have there been on the A487 for every year since 1999. (WAQ41902)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many fatalities, and how many serious accidents have there been on the A470 for every year since 1999. (WAQ41903)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many fatalities, and how many serious accidents have there been on the A483 for every year since 1999. (WAQ41904)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many fatalities, and how many serious accidents have there been on the A44 for every year since 1999. (WAQ41905)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many fatalities, and how many serious accidents have there been on the A40 for every year since 1999. (WAQ41906)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): When is it expected that the road works on the A487 at Aberarth will be completed. (WAQ41909)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will he publish any correspondence to and from the Department of Trade and Industry relating to the transfer of functions concerning energy generation over 50 megawatts. (WAQ41913)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement regarding the timescale and terms of reference of the Health & Safety Executives investigation into the collapse of scaffolding at Aberystwyth railway station on 22 February 2005. (WAQ41915)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will he investigate the possibility of a reduction in the number of traffic signs in the village of Clyro on the main A438 through Clyro. (WAQ41917)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement regarding the extension of the closure of Market Street in Haverfordwest to through traffic, and a proposed extension of closure. (WAQ41918)

David Davies (Monmouth): When does the Minister expect funds to be made available for signs warning of Severn Bridge closures on the A40/A449 at Monmouth. (WAQ41934)

To ask the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What legal advice has the Minister received in relation to the free school breakfast scheme. (WAQ41872)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Can the Minister whether her decision to make the free school breakfast scheme optional rather than compulsory for schools was made following receipt of legal advice in this respect. (WAQ41863)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Was the legal advice offered in relation to the free school breakfast scheme during 2004 at odds with the government's manifesto commitment in 2003. (WAQ41883)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the average length of journey for primary school pupils in Wales from home to school for each of the 22 local authorities in Wales. (WAQ41875)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the average length of journey for secondary school pupils in Wales from home to school for each of the 22 local authorities in Wales. (WAQ41876)

To ask the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Welsh Assembly Government had with the police concerning the hunting ban and its effect in Wales, and will he give details of those discussions. (WAQ41865)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): When does the Minister intend to present the official responses to the consultation on TAN 8: Renewable Energy. (WAQ41895)

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister detail the number of staff at the following divisions based in Cardiff; Food and Farming Division, Countryside and Coastal and Nature Conservation Branches, Rural Policy Division, CAPM. (WAQ41925)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Val Lloyd (Swansea East): What action has been taken to reduce pressures on ambulance services in Wales. (WAQ41856)

Val Lloyd (Swansea East): How is the Minister ensuring that the numbers of delayed transfers of care are further reduced. (WAQ41857)

Val Lloyd (Swansea East): What current systems are in place to filter non- emergency patients. (WAQ41858)

Val Lloyd (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on the Triage system within A&E departments. (WAQ4159)

Val Lloyd (Swansea East): What is the current availability of laser photodynamic therapy

and stenting services for thoracic patients. (WAQ41860)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the inquiry into the death of Robbie Powell of Ystradgynlais. (WAQ41862)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on obesity levels for under 16s, giving figures for each of the local authorities in Wales (or other reference point if the figures are not available for local authorities). (WAQ41877)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on obesity levels for over 16s, giving figures for each of the local authorities in Wales (or other reference point if the figures are not available for local authorities). (WAQ41878)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on out of hours cover in Ystradgynlais. (WAQ41907)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Has the Minister received any representations concerning out of hours cover in Ystradgynlais, and if so will he publish them. (WAQ41908)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Further to his answer to WAQ41631, will the Minister detail the criteria to determine whether an escort is medically necessary, has the criteria changed since 1999 and is he aware of any regional variation in its interpretation. (WAQ41919)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Further to his answer to WAQ41629, will the Minister detail if his reports made to the Health and Social Services Committee were in full or in summary form, and did they form part of the Minister's report or were they separate papers. (WAQ41920)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on the funding of a new assessment unit at West Wales General Hospital Carmarthen by the Carmarthenshire Local Health Board. (WAQ41921)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on the carrying over of funding for capital projects for which he is responsible from one financial year to the next. (WAQ41922)

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide a progress report on the strategy for autistic spectrum disorders and will he provide a date when this will be available for consultation, and will he clarify any delays in its publication. (WAQ41923)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister detail the average national spend on mental health services as per head of population, and will he detail the spend per head on mental health services for each local authority. (WAQ41924)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): How many staff are employed by each trust in the NHS Wales. (WAQ41926)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): How many staff in each Trust in NHS Wales have been trained as job matchers or job evaluators to carry out job matching or job evaluation as part of Agenda for Change. (WAQ41927)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): How many staff have been trained as job matchers or job evaluators by each Trust. (WAQ41928)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): When does the Minister expect the Agenda for Change job matching and job evaluation to be completed. (WAQ41929)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): How many separate jobs have to be matched or evaluated within each Trust in NHS Wales as part of Agenda for Change. (WAQ41930)

David Davies (Monmouth): How much money has been given to the NHS in each of the last 3 years out of National Lottery funds. (WAQ41933)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): What safeguards or measures are in place by local authorities in Wales to ensure routine inspections are carried out in care homes for abuse against elderly residents. (WAQ41935)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): In each year since 1999, how many older people in Wales have reported abuse in Wales. (WAQ41945)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): In each year since 1999, how many older people in Wales are in an un-registered Residential Care Homes. (WAQ41946)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): Each year since 1999, how many elderly people are looked after by friends and relatives in their own home. (WAQ41944)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): How many elderly people in Wales have died as a result of abuse or neglect in Wales, each year since 1999. (WAQ41943)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Assembly Government is doing to tackle elder abuse in Wales. (WAQ41942)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): What safeguards are currently in place to prevent the abuse of elderly people in Wales. (WAQ41941)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): What publicity campaigns are being planned to highlight the plight of elderly people who get abused in Wales and to prevent that abuse

taking place. (WAQ41936)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): What safeguards or measures are in place to routinely check public and private residential care homes for elderly patients to ensure no elderly person is abused. (WAQ41940)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): What safeguards/measures are in place by Local Authorities in Wales to ensure elderly people who are looked after by family/friends, etc are not suffering from abuse. (WAQ41939)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): What safeguards or measures are in place to ensure staff working in public sector and private sector residential care for elderly are able to "whistle-blow" when colleagues are mistreating elderly residents. (WAQ41937)

Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): In each year since 1999, how many older people in Wales have there been in Residential Care Homes. (WAQ41938)

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What representations has she received in relation to the proposed downgrading of fire cover in Haverfordwest. (WAQ41887)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What representations has she received regarding the proposed change in manning patterns at the Aberystwyth Fire Station. (WAQ41888)

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister publish all correspondence that she has received, and all correspondence that she has sent in relation to the proposed name changes of Welsh regiments. (WAQ41897)

To ask the Minister for Assembly Business

Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Is it the intention of the Minister to ensure that there is time available in Plenary to discuss the government's response to the TAN 8: Renewable Energy consultation. (WAQ41896)