

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 27 Mehefin 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 27 June 2011

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gynnydd sydd wedi cael ei wneud o ran llunio egwyddorion cyfrifoldeb cymdeithasol corfforaethol ar gyfer busnesau sy'n cyflenwi contractau cyhoeddus neu'n cael cymorth busnes gan Lywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ57536)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What progress has been made towards devising principals of corporate social responsibility for businesses delivering public contracts or receiving Welsh Government business support. (WAQ57536)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): There are two procurement tools which help embed our principals of corporate social responsibility (CSR) into the delivery of public contracts:

- The Sustainable Procurement Assessment Framework (SPAF)
- The Sustainability Risk Assessment (SRA)

Responsible Business Workshops will be delivered for businesses later in the year with the aim of working towards further establishing the principles of corporate social responsibility.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa amodau ad-dalu sydd wedi cael eu gosod ar grantiau ad-daladwy a roddwyd i fusnesau dan y cynllun adnewyddu'r economi. (WAQ57537)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What repayment conditions have been placed on repayable grants issued to businesses under the economic renewal plan. (WAQ57537)

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Edwina Hart: Capital investment projects will be repayable in equal, regular and agreed instalments. Repayments are 100% of the amount received by the company; they usually complete within two years of starting and are made in installments, depending on the size of the offer.

The Repayment Period will normally start one year after the date of the final payment or completion of the project and is up to a maximum of 7 years.

For Research, Development and Innovation projects repayment may be linked to the growth of the whole business over an agreed period or on commercialisation of the project within 5 years of the end of the project.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa bryd y gwnaeth y Gweinidog gyfarfod ddiwethaf â'i gyd-Weinidogion i drafod creu Academy Wyddoniaeth Genedlaethol. (WAQ57538)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): When did the Minister last meet Ministerial colleagues to discuss the creation of a National Science Academy in Wales. (WAQ57538)

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Edwina Hart: I regularly meet Ministerial colleagues to discuss a wide range of matters but Ministerial responsibility for the National Science Academy lies with me.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gymorth ariannol a roddir gan Lywodraeth Cymru i fusnesau sydd y tu allan i'r chwe sector allweddol. (WAQ57539)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What financial support is given by the Welsh Government to businesses outside the six key sectors. (WAQ57539)

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Edwina Hart: Support is available across the economy to help provide the mechanisms necessary to create better economic conditions in Wales. It includes support for skills development, research and development and access to the private sector.

In addition, our Repayable Business Finance offers discretionary financial support to strategically important projects outside of the six key sectors which can create employment, wealth and a sustainable Wales.

Tourism businesses can be supported through our Tourism Investment Support Scheme. For food businesses, support can be offered through the Processing and Marketing Grant Scheme, which is funded through the Rural Development Plan. Fisheries Businesses can be supported via the European Fisheries Fund.

Businesses can access information on these various types of support through the Welsh Government and Business Wales websites.

<http://business.wales.gov.uk>

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu rhestr o gyfanswm nifer y busnesau y rhoddwyd cymorth iddynt dan Raglen Adnewyddu'r Economi hyd yma yn 2011 ac yn 2010-2011, wedi'i dadansoddi fesul awdurdod lleol. (WAQ57540)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide a list of the total number of businesses given support under the Economic Renewal Programme in 2011 to date and 2010-2011, broken down by local authority. (WAQ57540)

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Edwina Hart: I refer you to my answer to WAQ57372 for 2010-11. The attached table provides details of grant offers made to businesses under the Economic Renewal Programme during the period 01/04/11 – 21/06/11, analysed by local authority area.

Number of businesses given support under Economic Renewal Programme for 1st April to 21st June 2011	WAQ 57540	
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	Number of	Value
Local Authority Area	Businesses	Offers (£)
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council		
Bridgend County Borough Council		
Caerphilly County Borough Council		
Cardiff Council	1	171060
Carmarthenshire County Council		
Ceredigion County Council		
Conwy County Borough Council		
Denbighshire County Council		
Flintshire County Council		
Gwynedd County Council		
Isle of Anglesey County Council		
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council		
Monmouthshire County Council		
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council		
Newport City Council		
Pembrokeshire County Council		
Powys County Council		
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council		
Swansea City and Borough Council	1	10000
Torfaen County Borough Council		
Vale of Glamorgan Council		
Wrexham County Borough Council	1	10000
	3	191060

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa bryd y gwnaeth y Gweinidog gyfarfod ddiwethaf a Phrif Gyngorydd Gwyddonol Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ57541)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): When did the Minister last meet the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Welsh Government. (WAQ57541)

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Edwina Hart: I regularly meet with my officials, including the Chief Scientific Adviser.

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): A yw Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ymrwymo i ddyfodol tymor hir Rhaglen Adnewyddu'r Economi. (WAQ57545)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Is the Welsh Government committed to the long term future of the Economic Renewal Programme. (WAQ57545)

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Edwina Hart: I refer you to my answer to WAQ57379.

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ57494, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu ffigurau ar gyfer pob blwyddyn er 2005. (WAQ57528)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to the answer to WAQ57494, will the Minister provide figures for each year since 2005. (WAQ57528)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): This information is in the table below.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Faint o blant mewn ysgolion yng Nghymru gafodd eu rhoi mewn ffrwd yn ôl gallu yn y blynyddoedd canlynol: 2009-2010, 2008-2009, 2007-2008, 2006-2007, 2005-2006. (WAQ57529)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): How many children in Welsh schools were streamed by ability in the following years: 2009-2010, 2008-2009, 2007-2008, 2006-2007, 2005-2006. (WAQ57529)

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Leighton Andrew: This information is not held centrally.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o effaith 'ffrydio' disgybl ysgol gynradd ar ei symudedd cymdeithasol. (WAQ57530)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What assessment has the Minister made of the affect 'streaming' a primary school pupil may have on their social mobility. (WAQ57530)

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Leighton Andrews: No formal assessment has been undertaken by my Department on the effect streaming may have on the social mobility of primary school pupils. Schools are free to organise and deliver the curriculum in the way that best suits their circumstances and the needs of pupils. Decisions on the precise models of curriculum delivery and pupil groupings lie with headteachers and their governing bodies.

The Foundation Phase curriculum is planned to meet the diverse needs of all children, including those who are at an earlier stage of development and those who are more able. Children aged three to seven in the Foundation Phase are able to move on to the next stage of their learning when they are developmentally ready.

Estyn are responsible for making judgements on the effectiveness of curricular provision and the extent to which learning experiences are successful in engaging the full range of pupils. Specifically inspectors examine arrangements for grouping pupils through setting, streaming, banding or mixed ability groupings.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa ganllawiau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cyhoeddi ynghylch darparu cymorth ychwanegol i ddisgyblion a roddir mewn ffrydiau isel. (WAQ57531)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What guidance does the Welsh Government issue regarding additional support for pupils identified in low streams. (WAQ57531)

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Pa ganllawiau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cyhoeddi ynghylch y meini prawf ar gyfer plant mewn ysgol gynradd. (WAQ57532)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What guidance does the Welsh Government issue regarding the criteria for children in primary school. (WAQ57532)

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Leighton Andrews: It is the responsibility of schools to make suitable provision available for all pupils. Welsh Government guidance on inclusion and pupil support can be found at <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/pupilsupport/inclusionpupilsupportguidance/?lang=en>

For pupils with additional learning needs, The SEN Code of Practice for Wales provides practical advice to local authorities, maintained school, early years settings and others on carrying out their statutory duties to identify, assess and make provision for children's special educational needs. Whilst the Code of Practice provides guidance and statutory bodies have to have regard to it, it is the statutory bodies who must fulfil their statutory duties towards children with special education needs. The Code is designed to help them to make effective decision but it does not - and could not - tell them what to do in each individual case.

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ57492, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r data hwn ar gyfer pob blwyddyn arall er 2005. (WAQ57542)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Further to the answer to WAQ57492, will the Minister provide this data for each other year since 2005. (WAQ57542)

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Leighton Andrews: This information is in the twelve tables below.

Ar gyfer y tabl, gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at WAQ57452.
For table see Information Further to WAQ57452.

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Erbyn pa bryd y mae'r Gweinidog yn disgwyl y bydd argymhellion "Rhwystrau Cyfleoedd Caffael" yn cael eu rhoi ar waith. (WAQ57533)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): By when does the Minister anticipate that the 'Barriers to Procurement Opportunities' recommendations will be implemented. (WAQ57533)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): Work is well underway to implement the 'Barriers' recommendations and successful outcomes have already been achieved. Priority is being given to nine of the sixteen recommendations addressing supplier pre-qualification, advertising and approved lists, supplier feedback and skills development.

Following publication of the report, Value Wales convened groups of suppliers and public sector buyers to address pre-qualification. A 'common core' question set was agreed, with risk-based guidance for buyers on choosing questions most appropriate to each project. This Supplier Qualification Information Database (SQuID) question set has been used extensively over the year and 400 delegates have been trained in its use. The SQuID is being built into Sell2Wales, allowing suppliers to store answers for reuse. I have written to Chief Executives across Wales asking them to mandate the SQuID in their organisations and over 20 have committed to do so – I anticipate that more will follow suit. Welsh Government itself has already used the SQuID in contracts worth over £500m.

In my Written Statement on February 18th I advised that the advertisement of lower-value opportunities in Sell2Wales has grown by 24%. Adoption of SME-friendly procurement strategies for construction has also seen Welsh firms secure awards in 22 of 39 major contracts in the last 18 months.

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Faint o arian y mae undebau llafur yn ei gael gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad ar gyfer pob undeb er 2005 gan fanylu ar ddiben gwariant o'r fath. (WAQ57534)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): How much money do trades unions receive from the Welsh Government and will the Minister provide a breakdown for each union for each year since 2005 with details of the purpose of such expenditure. (WAQ57534)

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Jane Hutt: I will write to you with the details of the payments made and the purpose of such expenditure shortly.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 06 Gorffennaf 2011
Answer received for publication on 06 July 2011

Jane Hutt: I am now able to provide you with details of such payments and the purpose of this expenditure. Please note however that I am only able to provide information as far back as the financial year 2008-09 and to the unions that are affiliated to the Trade union Congress (TUC).

Over the past 3 years the Welsh Government has made the following payments:

Union	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
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	£	£	£
ASLEF	-	-	20,782.84
Aspect	8,849.26	332	-
Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union	47,152.42	26,836.54	34,572.55
BECTU	31,847.86	79,810.14	85,574.13
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy	-	-	198
Community	25,508.61	77,814.74	122,301.96
FBU	52,909.47	46,904.54	52,272.25
GMB	21,390.92	33,443.69	33,048.46
NUJ	1,127.81	29,514.61	73,681.2
PCS	-	46,369.11	56,375.8
Prospect	453.7	491.4	8,955.48
RMT	44,533.29	19,984.89	-
UCATT	17,941.11	39,605.3	57,136.8
UNITE	55,516.65	67,775.46	-
UNISON	250,212.08	356,387.02	447,746.31
Total	557,443.18	825,269.44	992,645.78

These payments are made under two main initiatives:

- The Welsh Development Fund for Unions (WDFU); and
- The Wales Union Learning Fund

The WDFU scheme was a pilot project that test ways in which to:

- Develop and/or improve policy making processes and functions by building the capacity of trade unions to respond to devolution in Wales;
- Improve two-way communication between unions and their members in Wales enabling unions to better represent their members;
- Support trade unions to increase their capacity to operate bilingually in Wales;
- Support unions in Wales to learn from examples of best practice;
- Complement, rather than replace, projects funded under the UK-wide Union Modernization Fund administered by the Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform;

The Wales Union Learning Fund is a scheme administered by the Education and Skills Department. The objectives of this scheme are to:

- Increase Trade Unions' capacity to promote learning;
- Develop innovative ways of encouraging learning;
- Provide additional advice, guidance and support for learners;
- Significantly improve basic and essential skills in the workforce;
- Form part of and add value to a union's strategy for learning. Projects should also link to other lifelong learning programmes;
- Support and foster effective partnership activity between employers, other trades unions, learning providers, Sector Skills Councils and community based organisations and;
- Create sustainable programmes by effectively leveraging in resources and support from partners capable of sustaining activity beyond the initial WULF funding period.

The Education and Skills Minister is responsible for the final approval of any grant payments but advice is provided by an Advisory Panel made up of nominees from the Wales TUC, CBI and Education officials who consider applications and make recommendations to the Minister.

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

Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ56480, pa gynnydd y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wneud ar ddarparu polisi Cymru gyfan ar gyfer trin penderfyniadau cyllido cleifion unigol. (WAQ57535)

Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Further to the answer to WAQ56480, what progress has the Welsh Government made on delivering an all-Wales policy for the handling of individual patient funding decisions. (WAQ57535)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): I refer you to my answer to WAQ57519

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Faint o gleifion y GIG sydd wedi cael eu trin yn y sector preifat ym mhob blwyddyn er 2005. (WAQ57543)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): How many NHS patients have been treated in the private sector in each year since 2005. (WAQ57543)

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Lesley Griffiths: Please see table below:

Number of Welsh NHS Patients Treated in Private Sector Hospitals (a)	
Financial Year	Admissions (b)
2005/06	2,401
2006/07	962
2007/08	1,264
2008/09	1,946
2009/10	1,925
2010/11	1,126

Source: Patient episode database for Wales (PEDW)

(a) Welsh residents treated in Wales and England.

(b) Count of admissions (admission based analysis - First episode in spell).

(c) These figures include all Welsh resident patients recorded on NHS Wales Admitted Patient Care dataset where treatment has taken place in a private sector hospital.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth
To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i gefnogi prynwyr tro cyntaf i gael troed ar yr ysgol eiddo. (WAQ57544)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What action has the Welsh Government taken to support first time buyers to get on the property ladder. (WAQ57544)

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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): The Welsh Government is aware of the challenges some first time buyers experience raising a mortgage. Our Homebuy scheme provides support for qualifying households by providing an equity loan ensuring homeownership is affordable for them.

In 2010-2011 over £7million was approved for the purchase of over 160 properties via Homebuy. First time buyers were assisted as well as those re-entering the property market.

Since April 2011, Homebuy no longer has a separate budget and local authorities now decide whether or not to set aside Social Housing Grant for this scheme based on their local need and strategic priorities.

Whilst the Welsh Government does not have regulatory powers over mortgage availability we maintain a very strong and constant dialogue with the Council of Mortgage Lenders. Officials are working with them, local housing and planning authorities to develop a standardised approach to restrictions placed on affordable housing in order to aid mortgage availability.

The Welsh Government has also provided a total of £1 million to fund the First Time Buyers grant pilot scheme. This provided grants of up to £5,000 to over 230 first time buyers to help with the cost of improving energy efficiency in their homes during 2008-09 and 2009-2010.