

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 27 April 2010

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To ask the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): Broken down by local authority, how much money has been available to schools for free school milk in each of the last five years. (WAQ55944)

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Participation in the Key Stage 1 Milk Scheme, which provides milk at no charge to parents or carers, is voluntary. The table below provides a breakdown by local authority of the funding claimed for this scheme over the last five financial years; it includes the EU Subsidy and the Welsh Assembly Government top-up.

Local Authority	2005-06 £	2006-07 £	2007-08 £	2008-09 £	2009-10 £	Total £
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	83,452.87	81,580.45	77,758.05	70,593.14	65,215.24	378,599.75
Bridgend County Borough Council	139,325.84	143,654.34	139,556.49	136,691.85	143,977.56	703,206.08
Caerphilly County Borough Council	135,715.29	195,205.23	190,852.83	258,829.14	193,673.74	974,276.23
Cardiff County Council	225,735.97	324,587.44	312,485.46	412,587.22	349,014.22	1,624,410.31
Carmarthenshire County Council	114,056.27	96,419.35	100,250.33	109,299.10	138,458.96	558,484.01
Ceredigion County Council	31,592.53	66,235.77	46,961.28	46,471.74	74,160.64	265,421.96
City and Council of Swansea	163,500.95	155,234.08	139,227.97	174,689.60	158,177.38	790,829.98
Conwy County Borough Council	65,320.93	67,863.32	88,319.06	118,636.17	92,762.78	432,902.26
Denbighshire County Council	71,756.18	67,092.44	48,623.97	82,987.49	83,751.87	354,211.95
Flintshire County Council	124,420.85	121,050.35	114,449.60	119,598.88	132,042.60	611,562.28
Gwynedd Council Education Dept	63,360.42	61,896.48	60,190.18	59,279.41	86,760.33	331,486.82

Isle of Anglesey County Council	20,782.70	34,230.91	38,259.06	40,869.79	19,230.04	153,462.50
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	54,123.42	36,951.36	48,227.75	75,954.50	64,458.60	279,715.63
Monmouthshire County Council	48,712.41	51,054.76	91,783.79	52,669.15	99,279.50	343,499.61
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	126,406.17	62,998.78	119,147.08	84,099.52	74,858.47	467,510.02
Newport City Council	144,074.00	192,390.12	121,760.49	141,178.37	80,930.97	680,333.95
Pembrokeshire County Council	60,716.12	127,918.43	52,266.86	92,181.98	125,166.73	458,250.12
Powys County Council	101,859.34	93,713.40	88,892.11	93,434.37	95,641.16	473,540.38
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	132,153.47	276,600.07	192,251.09	120,151.40	328,974.40	1,050.130.43
Torfaen County Borough Council	101,040.04	86,712.34	77,126.48	85,044.10	79,826.39	429,749.35
Vale of Glamorgan Council Catering Services	56,237.29	121,526.46	99,037.48	98,644.47	123,190.39	498,636.09
Wrexham County Borough Council		109,480.65	68,535.93	21,162.53	36,721.02	235,900.13
TOTAL	2,064,343.06	2,574,396.5 3	2,315,963.34	2,495,053.92	2,646,272.99	<u>12,096,029.84</u>

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with NHS Blood and Transplant over recent errors relating to the Organ Donor Register, and did these errors involve any Welsh donors. (WAQ55931)

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My officials have had a number of discussions with NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) on this issue. The Chief Executive of the NHS in Wales has formally written to its Chief Executive to express the Welsh Assembly Government's disappointment that this incident has occurred and to seek reassurances that appropriate action is being taken.

NHSBT has not identified any Welsh organ donors affected by this issue and work is currently underway to rectify the organ donation registration errors relating to people who registered via the DVLA.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with Donate Wales to encourage organ donation in Wales. (WAQ55932)

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Both my officials and I have regular ongoing discussions with Kidney Wales Foundation, the charity which administers the Donate Wales campaigns. These discussions form part of a broader framework of activity, led by the Wales Organ Donation Implementation Group to increase organ donation in Wales.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on discussions with stakeholders which have achieved National Institute of Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR) Registered Research Group status. (WAQ55938)

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Groups who achieved Registered Research Group (RRG) status submitted applications as part of an open and competitive funding call. Their applications were assessed by policy officials and an external independent panel of clinical research experts. Decisions have been communicated and my officials are currently in discussion with successful applicants about the ongoing monitoring of their work programmes and achievements.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): On how many occasions between 1st April 2009 and 1st April 2010 have police vehicles been used as a substitute for ambulances and will the Minister provide a breakdown by month and LHB area. (WAQ55939)

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The Welsh Assembly Government did not begin collecting data on the use of emergency service vehicles, other than ambulances, to convey patients to hospital until August 2009. The monthly breakdown since August is shown in *Table 1*.

Table 1

Month	Patients conveyed to hospital by emergency service other than WAST	LHB area
August 2009	15	Aneurin Bevan LHB: 14 Cardiff and Vale ULHB: 1
September 2009	2	Cardiff and Vale ULHB: 2
October 2009	2	Aneurin Bevan LHB: 2

November 2009	5	Aneurin Bevan LHB: 5
December 2009	2	Aneurin Bevan LHB: 1 Cardiff and Vale ULHB: 1
January 2010	3	Cwm Taf LHB: - 3
February 2010	0	N/A
March 2010	5	Cwm Taf LHB– 4 Aneurin Bevan LHB - 1

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many training places for new dental graduates have been provided in Wales in each year since 2004 and will the Minister provide a breakdown by LHB area. (WAQ55942)

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The detailed information you have requested is not held centrally.

To ask the Minister for Heritage

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Has the Wales Tourism Alliance been able to bid for any contracts relating to marketing or research work required by the Welsh Assembly Government either through the Welsh Assembly Government or its agencies. (WAQ55933)

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I am not aware of any formal bids by the Wales Tourism Alliance (WTA) for research or marketing work with the Welsh Assembly Government or any agency. However, Visit Wales's annual funding to the WTA does require them to engage with the Industry and support Visit Wales's research activities.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Where is it possible to access agendas and minutes of meetings of the Tourism Advisory Panel. (WAQ55934)

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How many meetings of the Tourism Advisory Panel has the Minister attended since September 2008. (WAQ55935)

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I am answering both WAQ 55934 and 55935. The Tourism Advisory Panel was established purely to advise the Minister with responsibility for Tourism. Its members' deliberations are not made public - through formal publication of agenda/minutes - as this would constrain the ability of members to be fully frank and open during the Panel's discussions. However, a summary of the topics and issues discussed at TAP meetings is now published in the Visit Wales e-Newsletter to help inform the industry.

The TAP's primary role is to scrutinise current tourism policies and activities. In doing so, the TAP considers all relevant evidence from the sectors and regions the members represent along with policy, progress and evidence papers provided by Visit Wales. It then formulates its views and recommendations which are communicated to me via Visit Wales, which acts as Secretariat to the Panel.

I have attended one meeting of the TAP since September 2008, as the composition of the TAP was revised in October 2009 (the former TAP had completed its full three year term of appointment) and the new panel has met three times since. I have also met with some Panel Members individually, and am due to attend a further TAP meeting during the Summer term.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Are members of the Tourism Advisory Panel in receipt of any salary payment from the Welsh Assembly Government and, if so, how much. (WAQ55936)

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Are members of the Tourism Advisory Panel in receipt of any expenses payments from the Welsh Assembly Government and, if so, what do these payments cover. (WAQ55937)

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I am answering questions 55936 and 55937. Two members of the Tourism Advisory Panel (TAP) are formal appointees under official Public Appointments Procedures and receive remuneration. These are the Chair (Ieuan Evans MBE) and Professor Eleri Jones, who serves as an independent academic.

Mr Evans receives remuneration of £249 per day, while Prof. Jones receives remuneration of £180 per day. There are six meeting scheduled per year, with the Chair and Prof Jones being remunerated for two days per meeting to take account of preparatory work.

The other members are nominated by the industry and are not remunerated.

All members of the TAP are entitled to claim reimbursement of costs incurred for travel to meetings, and are paid in accordance with current Welsh Assembly Government rates.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Does the Welsh Assembly Government fund or provide any support services to the Wales Tourism Alliance. (WAQ55940)

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How much Welsh Assembly Government funding has the Wales Tourism Alliance received in each of the last four financial years. (WAQ55941)

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I am answering WAQs 55940 and 55941. The Welsh Assembly Government provides funding to the Wales Tourism Alliance. The following table sets out the funding received by the Alliance for the last four financial years (including VAT).

Year	Amount (£)
2006-07	61,688
2007-08	105,750
2008-09	105,750
2009-10	103,500

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire): What is the total value, by local authority, of business rates collected from wind farm developments for the past three years. (WAQ55943)

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Business rate income collected by local authorities in Wales can not be broken down or analysed into this level of detail. This information could only be obtained from individual local authorities.