

# **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 9 December 2010**

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***To ask the Minister for Business and Budget***

**Andrew RT Davies (South wales Central):** Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the proportion of invoices received by the Welsh Assembly Government for goods or services undertaken that have been paid within fourteen days, with monthly figures for the last three years. (WAQ56849)

***Answer issued on 15 December 2010***

We do not currently capture details of invoices paid within a fourteen day period. We do however capture and publish information on invoices paid within a ten day period. The 10 day target was introduced in 2008 by the Assembly Government to assist Welsh Ministers weather the recession and the figures from 2008 to date are attached.

**Payment Performance Figures 2008-2010**

<b>2008</b>	<b>Total No of Payments</b>	<b>Total Value of Payments</b>	<b>No of Payments Paid Late</b>	<b>Value of Payments Paid Late</b>	<b>% Paid Late</b>
April	10529	433,863,055.480	247	1,817,874.20	0.02
May	7471	48,694,931.43	104	500,679.57	1.39
June	12950	112,896,975.99	58	106,815.46	0.45
July	11158	80,391,455.02	108	170,896.51	0.97
August	9896	51,970,914.67	37	148,382.63	0.37
September	9487	53,183,238.83	38	226,620.32	0.40
October	11205	54,354,443.39	588	113,140.99	5.25
November	9824	63,579,624.99	120	329,920.78	1.22
December	9865	62,888,376.58	172	495,792.79	1.74
January	11431	57,268,943.46	65	73,057.13	0.57
February	10158	57,008,753.68	26	115,083.06	0.26
March	13709	191,750,804.61	100	281,969.61	0.73

<b>2009</b>	<b>Total No of Payments</b>	<b>Total Value of Payments</b>	<b>No of Payments Paid Late</b>	<b>Value of Payments Paid Late</b>	<b>% Paid Late</b>
April	11134	- 193,453,423.35	47	-325,233.80	0.42
May	7820	- 103,966,751.09	42	-95,877.44	0.54
June	12650	-66,344,050.58	68	-182,526.71	0.54
July	11404	- 159,248,906.05	39	-126,872.13	0.34

August	8287	-94,577,960.29	47	-186,953.61	0.57
September	10726	-130,018,846.39	41	-58,613.04	0.38
October	10901	-546,696,792.16	57	-938,797.45	0.52
November	9948	-453,028,061.06	48	-861,067.43	0.48
December	9654	-581,222,751.69	31	-161,256.04	0.32
January	9733	-481,454,386.17	43	-28,202.83	0.44
February	9717	-578,439,958.35	78	-1,321,896.74	0.80
March	18519	-669,056,906.92	154	-678,752.33	0.83

<b>2010</b>	<b>Total No of Payments</b>	<b>Total Value of Payments</b>	<b>No of Payments Paid Late</b>	<b>Value of Payments Paid Late</b>	<b>% Paid Late</b>
April	8589	-640,315,386.73	190	-5,071,867.74	2.21
May	9153	-873,849,317.24	298	-743,675.11	3.26
June	14704	-817,651,939.34	536	-2,890,929.87	3.65
July	9187	-854,951,963.98	530	-2,222,664.48	5.77
August	8462	-782,507,268.44	336	-1,574,335.13	3.97
September	11638	-838,316,080.85	442	-1,296,355.68	3.80
October	7589	-835,444,074.30	245	-1,079,818.99	3.23
November	6787	-836,764,897.69	109	-550,064.11	1.61

**Andrew RT Davies (South wales Central):** Do the Welsh Assembly Government, when purchasing or entering into hire purchase agreements for the Ministerial fleet of cars, specify that they should be sourced and services at Wales based businesses. (WAQ56850)

*Answer issued on 14 December 2010*

Acquisitions to the Welsh Assembly Government fleet of official vehicles are made via the Pan UK Government Framework for Vehicle Purchase. Using this framework resulted in a 25% discount on the vehicles purchased in 2009/10. The official car fleet servicing and maintenance needs are met by Wales based businesses.

*To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport*

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress made to identify future use for the Bosch component site in the Vale of Glamorgan. (WAQ56845)

*Answer issued on 08 March 2011*

My officials attended the first Master Plan meeting held at the site on the 10 November. The meeting was arranged to consider development options for the future use of the Bosch owned site. Attendees included representatives from Bosch, Vale of Glamorgan Council and Bosch's nominated partners for design and marketing of the site. Discussions outlined Bosch's timeline for the preparation and closure of the site, current planning regulations, enquiries received to date and an update on initial work carried out by their design team on potential future uses. It was agreed that the Vale of Glamorgan would host a working group with Bosch's designers to consider and develop the proposals further.

The next Master Plan meeting is scheduled for February to consider the marketing launch and results from the working group. We will continue to explore with Bosch any future potential use of the site.

**Andrew RT Davies (South wales Central):** Will the Minister indicate what community consultation there has been with Vale residents relating to the future of the Bosch site. (WAQ56848)

*Answer issued on 08 March 2011*

The site presently has planning consent for industrial use. The site is owned by Bosch, and any changes that may be proposed as a result of the Master Plans being undertaken by Bosch would necessitate a community consultation exercise as part of any planning application.

**Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire):** Who is responsible for specifying the seating capacity for the refurbishment of the Arriva Trains Wales Class 158 fleet. (WAQ56852)

*Answer issued on 14 December 2010*

Arriva Trains Wales.

### *To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services*

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What progress has been made to develop a community based treatment plan, enabling patients with Cystic Fibrosis to be treated at home. (WAQ56846)

*Answer issued on 15 December 2010*

The Welsh Assembly Government's policy is that services should be provided as locally as possible, where it is safe and sustainable to do so. The 7 Local Health Boards are responsible for planning and securing effective care for people with cystic fibrosis. They do this through their joint work on the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC).

At the Joint Committee Meeting on 30 November, the Committee approved three recommendations in relation to the Cystic Fibrosis Services which included an investment in Adult CF services in Llandough (£0.095m in 2010/11, £0.504m in 2012), to increase consultant staffing, nursing and physiotherapy. This will allow for the development of home care delivery of services, increase the staffing of the current service in Cardiff and move to more shared care with local services.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress made to date by the Welsh Assembly Government and Local Health Boards with reference to meeting the objectives of the Lost Without Words campaign for stroke survivors. (WAQ56847)

*Answer issued on 14 December 2010*

Improving stroke services remains one of my top priorities for the NHS in Wales. I recognise that prompt access to effective speech and language therapy following a stroke is very important and needs to be improved. We are making improvements in terms of the acute phase of care, which has been our priority, and we are developing a process for monitoring the delivery of effective longer term rehabilitation, which includes speech and language therapy.

Each Local Health Board (LHB) in Wales is responsible for assessing and providing for the health needs of their particular area. Rehabilitation is an integral part of the overall package of care and LHBs are required to map the whole patient journey, which includes rehabilitation, as part of their action plans to achieve full compliance with all national standards and targets for stroke, by 2015.

*To ask the Minister for Heritage*

**Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire):** What support can the Welsh Assembly Government offer to sustain the future of the community radio 'Radio Maldwyn'. (WAQ56853)

*Answer issued on 15 December 2010*

The Welsh Assembly Government's Community Radio Fund was established to recognise and support the contribution community radio stations make to their communities. The Fund has been created to help community radio stations which have been granted a five-year broadcast licence by Ofcom. Radio Maldwyn is a commercial radio station and therefore would not be able to apply for funding from the Community Radio Fund.

*To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government*

**Jonathan Morgan (Cardiff North):** Will the Minister detail how much of the £7m announced for grit and pot-hole repairs will each local authority be allocated giving a specific date for when it will be allocated. (WAQ56851)

*Answer issued on 14 December 2010*

The £7million of grant funding for will be allocated according to the most up-to-date calculation of the Roads and Transport General Capital Funding Formula. Individual amounts of the allocation are given in table 1 below. Arrangements are being made for the funding to be distributed as soon as possible; the aim is to have this with local authorities before the Christmas break.

Table 1: Allocation of funding for repair work in potholes and the purchase of road salt, by unitary authority

Unitary Authorities	Allocation of funding for repair work on potholes and the purchase of road salt
Isle of Anglesey	201,128

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Gwynedd	402,632
Conwy	262,782
Denbighshire	277,819
Flintshire	360,526
Wrexham	253,759
Powys	509,398
Ceredigion	248,872
Pembrokeshire	331,579
Carmarthenshire	521,429
Swansea	447,368
Neath Port Talbot	270,677
Bridgend	295,113
The Vale of Glamorgan	283,835
Rhondda Cynon Taf	479,699
Merthyr Tydfil	78,195
Caerphilly	377,444
Blaenau Gwent	131,579
Torfaen	144,737
Monmouthshire	206,767
Newport	237,594
Cardiff	677,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>