

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 11 February 2011

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To ask the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning

Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire): In relation to the independent investigations carried out by ‘Servocadream’, will the Minister publish figures for the total number of complaints against teachers, the number of complaints investigated and the number of complaints upheld. (WAQ57103)

Answer issued on 16 February 2011

The Welsh Assembly Government does not collect statistics on the numbers of complaints against teachers dealt with by governing bodies, or the number of those that are upheld.

Servoca only investigates child protection allegations against school staff. In WAQ 57104 you asked for the number of cases investigated by Servoca over the past three years and I refer you to the answer for that question.

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What is the average size of a) primary schools and b) secondary schools for i) each local authority in Wales and ii) Wales as a whole. (WAQ57110)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What is the average number of children in receipt of free school meals in a) primary schools and b) secondary schools for i) each local authority in Wales and ii) Wales as a whole. (WAQ57111)

Answer issued on 10 February 2011

Data on the average number of pupils, and the average number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), in primary and secondary schools can be found in the tables below.

Table 1: Average number of pupils in primary and secondary schools, by local authority, 2010 (a)

Average number of pupils in:		
	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools
Isle of Anglesey	102.2	851.8
Gwynedd	94.2	543.1
Conwy	140.9	1051.1
Denbighshire	154.4	951.4
Flintshire	179.4	864.5
Wrexham	192.8	742.7
Powys	101.9	692.0
Ceredigion	80.9	698.9
Pembrokeshire	159.1	1022.8
Carmarthenshire	128.0	874.1
Swansea	232.4	958.2
Neath Port Talbot	169.0	785.7
Bridgend	234.3	967.6
Vale of Glamorgan	250.1	1216.3
Rhondda Cynon Taf	183.3	943.3
Merthyr Tydfil	205.9	993.0
Caerphilly	220.4	895.9
Blaenau Gwent	216.3	721.2
Torfaen	257.0	1140.6
Monmouthshire	196.2	1317.8

Newport	270.5	1323.0
Cardiff	272.4	1042.8
Wales	176.1	914.4

Source: Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC)

As at January.

Includes full-time and part-time pupils on the register.

Further information about pupil and school numbers at local authority level can be found in Chapter 11 of the Schools Census, 2010: Final Results statistics release.

Table 2: Average number of pupils aged 5-15 years old eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in primary and secondary schools, by local authority, 2010 (a)

Average number of pupils aged 5-15 years old eligible for FSM in:		
	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools
Isle of Anglesey	15.7	114.2
Gwynedd	10.3	54.8
Conwy	20.4	144.3
Denbighshire	23.3	121.6
Flintshire	19.0	80.1
Wrexham	27.8	124.1
Powys	9.3	54.1
Ceredigion	8.6	62.1
Pembrokeshire	21.6	129.3
Carmarthenshire	17.2	109.6
Swansea	35.7	163.5
Neath Port Talbot	29.8	151.5
Bridgend	37.1	142.4
Vale of Glamorgan	26.7	132.6
Rhondda Cynon Taf	34.6	161.1
Merthyr Thydfil	39.6	204.0
Caerphilly	37.9	165.1
Blaenau Gwent	50.5	168.3
Torfaen	37.6	146.9
Monmouthshire	17.4	107.0
Newport	46.0	216.6
Cardiff	47.2	185.5
Wales	27.4	133.7

Source: Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC)

As at January.

Further information about Free School Meals (FSM) at local authority level can also be found in Chapter 11 of the School Census, 2010: Final results statistics release.

To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): When did the Minister, or when will the Minister, sign the new contract for the North-South air link, and when does this contract expire. (WAQ57116)

Answer issued on 11 February 2011

My officials let the contract to Manx2 in December 2010. It will expire in December 2014.

To ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What is the proposed budget for the Social Housing Grant for each year until 2013/14. (WAQ57112) *Transferred for answer by the Deputy Minister for Housing and Regeneration*

Answer issued on 16 February 2011

The Deputy Minister for Housing and Regeneration (Jocelyn Davies): The Social Housing Grant budget for the following three years is as follows, this is due to the reduction in capital budget within block grant:

2011/12 £69.248million

2012/13 £60.615million

2013/14 £48.134million

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many patients in Wales are under a Compulsory Treatment Order or Welsh equivalent. (WAQ57114)

Answer issued on 11 February 2011

There are no Compulsory Treatment Orders.

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What is the proposed budget for the entire Communities First programme for each year until 2013/14, and can the Minister also provide figures for each element of the programme. (WAQ57113)

Answer issued on 05 April 2011

Communities First continues to deliver support to people in our most disadvantaged areas across Wales.

In 2011/12 we expect the breakdown to be as follows:

Communities First - £3,500,000

CF Conferences - £5,000

Research - £175,000

Legal Cost - £10,000

Outcomes Fund - £6,501,000

Partnership Funding - £32,000,000

Support Teams in LA Areas - £2,932,000

TOTAL - £45,123,000

The current programme will come to an end in March 2012. We want to ensure that we continue to deliver effective investment and support to people living within the most deprived areas in Wales. Therefore, my officials are currently looking at a range of evidence, from the current programme and wider, in order to consider the future post March 2012.

The breakdown of budget in the years 2012/13 and 2013/14 will be dependent on decisions in relation to a future programme and is therefore not currently available. It is important to ensure that we deliver in a way that offers us the greatest impact with our more limited funds.

I am committed to the delivery of a community support programme.

To ask a Representative of the Commission

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Commission confirm whether a proportion of the Assembly Police Unit budget is allocated to vehicle provision and if so, will they provide details, expressed as a figure and as a percentage of the total cost of the Assembly's police unit. (WAQ57115)

Answer issued on 11 February 2011

Assembly Commissioner for Assembly Resources, William Graham AM:

There is no specific allocation within the Police Budget for vehicle provision, although Police Unit officers are permitted to hire vehicles and can claim mileage when operational imperatives make it appropriate for them to do so, for example when they are required to travel outside of the South Wales Police Force area in support of Assembly business.

A total breakdown of the costs attributable to Police Unit vehicle use together with percentages, as requested, is shown below.

Costs Attributable to Police Vehicle Use

2009-10	Mileage Cost	Vehicle Hire	2010-11 (to date)	Mileage Cost	Vehicle Hire
April 09	£-	£83.97	April 2010	£-	£-
May 09	£-	£-	May 2010	£-	£-
June 09	£18.40	£-	June 2010	£-	£-
July 09	£-	£55.98	July 2010	£75.20	£-
August 09	£-	£-	August 2010	£30.40	£-
September 09	£-	£-	September 2010	£-	£-
October 09	£62.40	£-	October 2010	£83.20	£-

November 09	£23.20	£-	November 2010	£-	£-
December 09	£-	£55.98	December 2010	£104.00	£-
January 2010	£-	£-			
February 2010	£176.80	£50.00			
March 2010	£34.80	£-			
Total	£315.60	£245.93	Total	£292.80	

Year	Cost	Percentage spent on Vehicle use
Total Cost of Police in 2009-10	£582,433	0.10%
Total cost of Police in 2010-11	£451,935	0.06%

The National Assembly purchased a marked police vehicle for the sole use of the Police Unit around five years ago. Under an agreement with South Wales Police this vehicle is maintained as part of the Police vehicle fleet and there are therefore no on-going maintenance costs. The vehicle is also fuelled from a South Wales Police budget.