

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 5 Hydref 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 5 October 2011

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[R] *yn nodi bod yr Aelod wedi datgan buddiant/signifies that the Member has declared an interest.*

[W] *yn nodi bod y cwestiwn wedi'i gyflwyno yn Gymraeg/signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.*

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am gynnydd y rhaglen 'Hwyluso'r Drefn' i leihau biwrocraatiaeth ar y fferm, gan nodi ar wahân: i) y dyddiadau y mae aelodau'r rhaglen wedi cwrdd; ii) yr amserlen ar gyfer cyfarfodydd yn y dyfodol, a iii) y dyddiad y bydd y rhaglen yn cyhoeddi ei hadroddiad. (WAQ58077)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide a progress update on the 'Working Smarter' programme to reduce farm bureaucracy, indicating separately: i) the dates on which members of the programme have met; ii) the schedule for future meetings, and iii) the date on which the programme will issue its report. (WAQ58077)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Hydref 2011
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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): An independent adviser (Gareth Williams) has been gathering evidence from a wide range of internal and external interested parties through a series of meetings including one to one and group approaches and also farm visits. A mailbox has also been set up to assist in this process <mailto:workingsmarter@wales.gsi.gov.uk> hwylusordrefn@cymru.gsi.gov.uk

A Stakeholder Group representing farmers' interests met with Gareth on 29 September while a Partners Group comprising agencies and regulators met him later on the same day. Both groups are being tasked to constructively challenge existing regulations and processes with the aim of achieving a more measured and appropriate regulatory framework for the farming industry. Gareth will be meeting the groups regularly between now and the end of the year to advance this project. I have tasked Gareth to present his report of recommendations to me in December.

I will also be meeting Gareth regularly to receive updates on this work. I will make a statement on this matter as early as possible.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am gynlluniau Llywodraeth Cymru i gefnogi newydd-ddyfodiaid i ffermio. (WAQ58078)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans to support young entrants to farming. (WAQ58078)

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Alun Davies: Supporting young entrants into farming is a priority in the ongoing CAP negotiations and through the continued support for the YESS scheme.

***Gofyn i Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy
To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development***

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am sut caiff hawliau pori hanesyddol cominwyr eu diogelu yn ystod y cyfnod y byddant yn cymryd rhan yn Elfenn Tir Comin

Glastir ac ar ôl y cyfnod hwnnw. (WAQ58080) *Trosglwyddwyd i'w ateb gan y Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth*

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on how the historic grazing rights of commoners will be protected during and after their participation in the Glastir Common Land Element. (WAQ58080) *Transferred for answer by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science*

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): Rights of common are protected by the Register of Common Land. Participation in the Glastir Common Land Element has no effect on the legitimacy or, following exit from the scheme, the use of those rights. Any requirement of a Glastir Common Land Element contract for a maximum stocking rate or a stock free period ends when the Grazing Association exits the scheme. The scheme cannot, and will not require farmers or Associations to undertake actions paid for by the scheme following their exit from the scheme. The presence of a SSSI on the common or cross compliance requirements may affect the use of any rights holders' full entitlement following exit from the scheme. These requirements apply to all graziers, irrespective of whether they have been in the scheme or not.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau
To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa bwerau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i ddatblygu rhywbeth yn lle Budd-dal y Dreth Gyngor. (WAQ58079)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What powers does the Welsh Government have to develop a replacement for Council Tax Benefit. (WAQ58079)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 06 Hydref 2011
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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): In response to the UK Government's decision to reform Council Tax Benefit from 1 April 2013, the Welsh Government is considering all the options available to it for developing a way forward in Wales. Any options considered here would need to be linked, where possible, with other UK Government welfare reforms. In considering possible options there is, as you will appreciate, a need to ensure that the Welsh Government has the necessary powers to deliver any new arrangements. This will inevitably influence the policy option we ultimately select.