



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ81475/81476

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Dear Janet

I am writing with a reply to your Written Questions 81475 & 81476 below.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister provide a regional breakdown of how many trees have been felled by Natural Resources Wales due to chalara ash dieback since November 2019?

Lesley Griffiths: Whilst I understand some priority felling has been undertaken in parts of Wales, NRW do not currently have any available figures for the number of trees felled due to ash dieback since November 2019.

The NRW survey of ash dieback in Wales currently underway will provide critical information in order for NRW to prioritise and effectively manage ash trees on the Welsh Government Woodland Estate, in accordance with Sustainable Management of Natural Resource principles.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What steps has Natural Resources Wales taken to combat and contain the spread of chalara ash dieback across North Wales?

Lesley Griffiths: NRW is responsible for the management of ash dieback situated on the Welsh Government Woodland Estate and other land they manage. Surveys are currently underway across all of the Welsh Government Woodland Estate, including north Wales, and will be incorporated into a specific assessment on the condition of ash in order to inform ongoing control options, in accordance with Sustainable Management of Natural Resource principles. As the assessment is underway presently a regional breakdown of the condition of ash in Wales is not available at present.

Yours Sincerely

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