

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 2 Gorffennaf 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 2 July 2013

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Gofyn i Weinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth
To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at WAQ 64929 a 64930, am nad yw'r datganiadau y cyfeiriwyd atynt yn cynnwys y wybodaeth benodol hon a wnaiff y Gweinidog esbonio ei phenderfyniad i beidio â'i datgelu, neu roi dyddiadau ar gyfer y datganiadau sydd yn datgelu hyn? (WAQ64998)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to WAQs 64929 and 64930, as the statements referred to do not contain this specific information will the Minister explain her decision not to disclose it, or give dates for the statements that do? (WAQ64998)

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The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): I gave evidence to the Finance Committee on 26 June on expenditure for the Enterprise Zones.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau
To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ64906, a wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r rhesymau pam y gall codi sbwriel helpu myfyriwr i ddod yn fwy cyflogadwy fel rhan o naill ai'r modiwl "Gwirfoddoli mewn Grwp Cymunedol" neu'r modiwl "Addysg ar gyfer Datblygu Cynaliadwy a Dinasyddiaeth Fyd-eang"? (WAQ64991)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Further to the answer to WAQ64906, will the Minister outline reasons why litter picking can help a student become more employable as part of either the "Volunteering within a Community Group" module or the "Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship" modules? (WAQ64991)

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ64906, a wnaiff y Gweinidog esbonio sut y gellir cymharu Bagloriaeth Cymru â safon Uwch o ran cyflogadwyedd pan fo'r cwrs yn cynnwys cydrannau mor ddi-her ac amherthnasol â chodi sbwriel? (WAQ64992)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Further to the answer to WAQ64906, will the Minister explain how the Welsh Baccalaureate is comparable to an A level in terms of employability when the course involves components as unchallenging and irrelevant as litter picking? (WAQ64992)

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ64906, a wnaiff y Gweinidog esbonio sut y mae natur y cwrs hwn wedi'i dylunio i herio myfyrwyr, eu gwneud yn fwy cyflogadwy a deniadol i sefydliadau Addysg Uwch pan maent yn cynnwys cydrannau megis codi sbwriel a gwneud bocsys Nadolig? (WAQ64993)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Further to the answer to WAQ64906, will the Minister explain how the nature of this course is designed to challenge students, make them more employable and attractive to Higher Education institutions when they involve components such as litter picking and making Christmas boxes? (WAQ64993)

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ64906, a wnaiff y Gweinidog esbonio pam y byddai Prifysgol yn cynnig lle astudio i fyfyrwr Bagloriaeth Cymru cyn rhywun a oedd wedi cwblhau cwrs Dug Caeredin ochr yn ochr â'i astudiaethau Safon Uwch? (WAQ64994)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Further to the answer to WAQ64906, will the Minister explain why a University would offer a place of study to a Welsh Baccalaureate student over someone who had completed a Duke of Edinburgh course alongside their A-level studies? (WAQ64994)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Huw Lewis): The Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification is highly regarded across stakeholder groups, as the independent Review of Qualifications revealed.

The response to WAQ64908 set out how litter-picking activity can be a small, but valuable, part of a much wider spectrum of learning and experiences which help learners to understand wider environmental issues. These issues are important to employers, the education sector and to wider society.

The aim of the Welsh Baccalaureate Core is to expose learners to activities that they would not otherwise have had and to develop skills that both employers and Universities consistently say that they want to see. Learning about environmental issues, potentially including some litter-picking, and activities such as planning, collating and delivering Christmas boxes can help develop and provide evidence of skills such as team-working, problem solving and communication. The Duke of Edinburgh Award also provides numerous opportunities to develop and provide evidence of these skills, for that very reason Duke of Edinburgh Award activities can play an important role in learners' Welsh Baccalaureate experiences.

In addition to the evidence from the Review of Qualifications that stakeholders value the Welsh Baccalaureate, UCAS has, on 2 occasions, reviewed the Core of the Advanced level qualification. On both occasions their expert panel confirmed that the Core is valued at 120 UCAS tariff points – the same as an A grade A level. We also know that 77% of university courses accept the Welsh Baccalaureate as an entry qualification and we have excellent feedback from centres about offers that their learners have received and which include the Welsh Baccalaureate. For example learners from Radyr Comprehensive in Cardiff recently received over 250 offers from universities that value the Welsh Baccalaureate as an A grade. A significant proportion of those offers have come from Russell Group Universities such as Nottingham, Bristol, Exeter, Liverpool and Manchester.

The Director of Sixth Form at Radyr, commented that the Welsh Baccalaureate “continues to provide our students with some fantastic opportunities and is clearly giving them that all important advantage when applying for university places.”

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa rai o brosiectau'r ystâd gofal y mae'r moratoriwm a gyhoeddwyd yn ei lythyr dyddiedig 4 Mehefin yn effeithio arnyntw (WAQ64997)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister outline what primary care estate projects will be affected by the moratorium announced in his letter of June 4? (WAQ64997)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): Primary care estate projects that were approved for funding before 4 June will not be affected by the moratorium. There are a small number of very well advanced schemes that have been identified by local health boards, namely, Brynmawr, Colwyn Bay and Dinas Powys, which will be subject to transitional arrangements. Other schemes are in the early stages of planning and development and will need, therefore, to be taken forward under the new policy framework.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyfoeth Naturiol a Bwyd
To ask the Minister for Natural Resources and Food***

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau beth yw cost gweinyddu cynllun Glastir? (WAQ64995)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister confirm what the cost of administrating the Glastir scheme is? (WAQ64995)

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The Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Alun Davies): Rural Payments Wales process all Common Agricultural Policy schemes using multi-skilled teams including Glastir; therefore it isn't possible to break down spend into individual schemes.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Ymhellach i'r ateb i WAQ64904, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau cyfanswm y camau gorfodi yn holl ddyfroedd Cymru ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf? (WAQ64996)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to the answer to WAQ64904, will the Minister confirm the total number of enforcement actions in all Welsh waters during each of the last five years? (WAQ64996)

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Alun Davies: To supplement the response to WAQ61049, enforcement of Welsh waters over the last twelve months has led to ten investigations into possible fisheries offences, a number of these infringements have led to files being completed with a recommendation that legal proceedings are taken.