

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
Information Further to Written Assembly Questions**

Cyhoeddir atebion yn yr iaith y'u darparwyd, gyda chyfieithiad Saesneg o atebion yn y Gymraeg.

Responses are published in the language in which they are provided, with a translation into English of responses provided in Welsh.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ61161 a gyhoeddwyd gan Alun Davies, Y Dirprwy Weinidog Amaethyddiaeth, Bwyd, Pysgodfeydd a Rhaglenni Ewropeaidd, ar 18 Medi 2012

Information further to WAQ61161, issued by Alun Davies, the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes, on 18 September 2012

At/To William Powell:

You asked the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development the following Written Assembly Question:

Will the Minister provide a detailed account of the Welsh Government's present policy with regards to zero grazing facilities ("megadaries") in Wales.
(WAQ61161)

The Welsh Government policy is to support all farm businesses to become efficient and profitable regardless of their size. Currently, there is no specific limit in headage terms imposed by the Welsh Government on the size of dairy businesses in Wales. There are obvious benefits to farm businesses with larger dairy herds in Wales which arise from simple economies of scale.

All registered agricultural holdings must comply with Good Agriculture Environmental Conditions (GAEC). The Rural Wales Inspectorate is responsible for inspections to ensure that the production methods used on farm comply with the standards that are required by the European Commission; this includes dairy farms. Zero grazing is one forage management tool that is used widely in larger herds, where cows are usually housed to avoid poaching and to enable farmers to adopt best practise in forage and pasture management. If a farmer chooses this method, it is the individual business that will steer the decision, not Welsh Government policy.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ61169 a gyhoeddwyd gan Edwina Hart, y Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth, ar 18 Medi 2012

Information further to WAQ61169, issued by Edwina Hart, the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, on 18 September 2012

At/To Suzy Davies:

I am replying to Written Assembly Question 61169.

Capital receipts and central funding are applied together with other funding sources to the capital expenditure budget. There is no correlation between the receipts from individual projects and the expenditure on individual projects and, therefore, the information requested is not available

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ61167 a gyhoeddwyd gan Cyfarwyddwr Cyffredinol
Dyfodol Cynaliadwy, Gareth Jones, ar 3 Hydref 2012**
**Information further to WAQ61167, issued by Director General Sustainable Futures,
Gareth Jones, on 3 October 2012**

At/To Suzy Davies:

What assessment has the Minister made of the concerns raised by the Royal Commission that the advice received regarding the merger between them and Cadw fell well below the standards of objectivity and impartiality required by the Civil Service Code. (WAQ61167)

The Permanent Secretary's office has asked me, as Director General for the area concerned, to respond to you because it relates to a staffing matter.

Firstly, I wanted to make clear that no decision has been taken to merge the Royal Commission with Cadw or any other body. The overarching purpose of the advice, which has been challenged by the Commission, was to seek the Minister's agreement to establish a process to consider the long term future of the management of the historic environment sector. Given the importance of that issue for a wide range of stakeholders, officials took the view that it was right to recommend that the topic be 'opened up' for further consideration. Representatives of the Royal Commission, CyMAL and Cadw now make up the working group that is continuing to investigate this issue.

While the advice, which the Minister accepted, recommends consideration of the issue of the Commission merging with another organisation I do not believe that the advice received by the Minister lacked objectivity or impartiality. It recommended engagement with stakeholders and discussion of the options and it set in train a process in which the Royal Commission is now fully involved. Further advice will separately be prepared inviting the Minister to take a final decision on how the resilience of the historic environment sector can best be safeguarded for the future. That advice will draw heavily on the work of the working group.