

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 12 Gorffennaf 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 12 July 2012

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

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Ar ba ddyddiad y gwnaeth Llywodraeth Cymru gyflwyno a) ei chynigion cychwynnol a b) ei chynigion terfynol ar gyfer lwfansau cyfalaf uwch yn ardaloedd menter Cymru i'r Trysorlys (WAQ60846)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): On which date did the Welsh government submit to the Treasury its a) initial proposals and b) final proposals for enhanced capital allowances in Welsh enterprise zones. (WAQ60846)

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Yng nghyswllt cynigion Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer lwfansau cyfalaf uwch mewn ardaloedd menter, pa gyngor a gafwyd gan y Trysorlys ynghylch gwerth awgrymedig y cais a wnaethpwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru, ac a oedd unrhyw ddisgwyliad y dylai hwn gyfateb yn fras i'r swm canlyniadol Barnett a ragwelid ar gyfer cynllun Lloegr. (WAQ60847)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): With reference to the Welsh government's proposals for enhanced capital allowances in enterprise zones, what advice was received from the Treasury about the suggested value of the bid made by the Welsh government, and was there any expectation that this should be kept roughly in line with the anticipated Barnett consequential from the English scheme. (WAQ60847)

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Beth oedd y gost a ragwelid ar gyfer a) cynigion cychwynnol a b) cynigion terfynol Llywodraeth Cymru i'r Trysorlys ar gyfer lwfansau cyfalaf uwch mewn ardaloedd menter. (WAQ60848)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What was the anticipated cost of the Welsh government's a) initial and b) final proposal to the Treasury for enhanced capital allowances in enterprise zones. (WAQ60848)

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn y cynigion ffurfiol a gyflwynwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i'r Trysorlys ar gyfer lwfansau cyfalaf uwch mewn ardaloedd menter, a wnaeth Llywodraeth Cymru wneud cais am amser ychwanegol i gwblhau cynigion ar gyfer ardaloedd menter eraill. (WAQ60849)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Following the Welsh government's formal submission to the Treasury of its proposals for enhanced capital allowances in enterprise zones, did the Welsh government request additional time to finalise proposals for other enterprise zones. (WAQ60849)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): I have placed a copy of my letter of 11 July to Nick Ramsay AM in the library. My letter provides significant details about discussions between Ministers and officials of the Welsh and UK Governments on enhanced capital allowances in Welsh Enterprise Zones.

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ystyriaeth a roddodd y Gweinidog yn y Rhaglen Dileu TB i fanteision cymryd samplau o foch daear unigol cyn defnyddio'r brechlyn er mwyn profi a chadarnhau presenoldeb TB buchol. (WAQ60850)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What consideration did the Minister give in the TB Eradication Programme to the benefits of taking samples from individual badgers prior to the application of vaccine in order to test and confirm the presence of bovine TB. (WAQ60850)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): As explained in the Report of the Bovine TB Science Review Group and detailed in the evidence that was submitted to me in March 2012, there is currently no trap-side test that allows for the rapid, accurate identification of infected badgers. Both the Science Review and submission are published on the Welsh Government website.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gyngor y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i gael ynghylch effeithiolrwydd defnyddio paent marcio i amlygu moch daear sydd wedi'u brechu fel rhan o raglen dileu TB Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ60851)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What advice has the Minister received concerning the effectiveness of using marker paint to distinguish vaccinated badger as part of the Welsh Government's TB eradication programme. (WAQ60851)

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John Griffiths: Our methodology was developed, and continues to be used and recommended, by the Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera) which has led on badger vaccination trials for a number of years.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pa gyngor y mae wedi'i gael ynghylch pa mor ymarferol yw microsglodynnu moch daear wedi'u brechu, gan gynnwys unrhyw amcangyfrifon o gostau cysylltiedig. (WAQ60852)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm what advice he has received concerning the feasibility of micro-chipping vaccinated badgers, including any related cost estimates. (WAQ60852)

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John Griffiths: Expert advice is that it is currently not feasible and practicable to reliably micro-chip trapped badgers.

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

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): A fu unrhyw doriadau cyllid mewn gwasanaethau iechyd meddwl yng Nghymru dros y 12 mis diwethaf, ac os felly, pa feysydd o gefnogaeth sydd wedi wynebu toriadau. (WAQ60817)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Have there been any funding cuts in mental health services in Wales over the last 12 months and, if so, what areas of support have been cut. (WAQ60817)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): Mental Health funding, has increased year on year from £377.5 million in 2008-09 to over £572 million in 2011-12.

Funding for mental health services is ring-fenced which further demonstrates our continued commitment to these services.

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Pa ddulliau sydd ar waith i werthuso'r broses o weithredu'r Mesur Iechyd Meddwl. (WAQ60839)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): What mechanisms are in place to evaluate implementation of the Mental Health Measure. (WAQ60839)

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Lesley Griffiths: I have previously announced all parts of the Measure will be commenced by October 2012. The Measure is introducing some significant changes and we are allowing sufficient preparation time to ensure implementation is successfully achieved. We have issued detailed guidance and provided support, including financial support to Local Health Boards and their partner agencies to meet the requirements of the Measure.

Clearly evaluation and review are key to ensuring our policies are achieving the desired outcomes and the Measure requires us to evaluate its effectiveness four years from commencement. Whilst this may seem some way off, we have begun work to establish baselines and are currently working with stakeholders to consider what outcomes can best inform our work, both in relation to the Measure and the final new Mental Health Strategy, which will be published later in the year.

The evaluation will be not only be a matter of collecting the numbers of people receiving new services but critically the quality of those services and service user and carer views will be essential.

The new multiagency National Partnership Board which will oversee implementation of the new Strategy will have a key role to play in evaluating our work in relation to improving mental health provision in Wales.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu diweddariad i WAQ 60062, gan ddadgyfuno fesul Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol. (WAQ60845)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister provide an update to WAQ 60062, disaggregated by Local Health Board. (WAQ60845)

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Lesley Griffiths: The information provided in WAQ 60062 is the latest available.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth
To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Pa gymorth y gall Llywodraeth Cymru ei gynnig i helpu i ddiogelu'r Ty Hir unigryw o'r Oes Efydd sydd wedi cael ei ddarganfod ger Trefynwy. (WAQ60840)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): What assistance can the Welsh Government offer to help preserve the unique Bronze Age Longhouse that has been unearthed near Monmouth. (WAQ60840)

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Pa bwysau y gall Llywodraeth Cymru ei roi ar Cadw i sicrhau bod gweddillion y Ty Hir a ddarganfuwyd ger Trefynwy yn cael eu cloddio'n llwyr cyn gynted ag sy'n ymarferol bosibl, ac nad yw'r genedl yn eu colli. (WAQ60841)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): What pressure can the Welsh Government put on Cadw to ensure that the Longhouse remains found near Monmouth are fully excavated as soon as realistically possible and not lost to the nation. (WAQ60841)

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Sut y mae'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu gweithio gyda Chyngor Sir Fynwy a'r tîm archaeoleg sy'n cloddio Ty Hir Trefynwy i sicrhau bod y darganfyddiad hwn, sydd o bosibl yn unigryw i Ynysoedd Prydain, yn cael ei warchod fel y mae'n ei haeddu. (WAQ60842)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): How does the Minister plan to work with Monmouthshire County Council and the archaeology team excavating the Monmouth Longhouse to ensure this potentially unique find to the British Isles is given the protection that it deserves. (WAQ60842)

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Pa gyllid sydd ar gael gan Lywodraeth Cymru i gynnal astudiaeth ddichonoldeb ar y gwaith cloddio ar gyfer Ty Hir Trefynwy. (WAQ60843)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): What Welsh Government funding is available to conduct a feasibility study into the excavation of the Monmouth Longhouse. (WAQ60843)

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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): I hope that you are happy for me to give a single answer to these four related questions. Two of your questions ask about how the recent discovery at Monmouth can be preserved. The site was discovered as a result of an archaeological planning condition imposed by Monmouthshire County Council to monitor the groundworks associated with a new housing development and record any archaeological remains that became exposed. The Developer, Charles Church Ltd, appointed Monmouth Archaeology to act as their archaeologists. Monmouthshire County Council use the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust to advise them and ensure that the planning condition is being properly discharged.

The remains comprise three shallow clay-filled trenches and they were found during the excavation of a flood attenuation pond, required to protect the 84 new houses. When they were originally discovered, the archaeologists thought they were associated with features known to be of Early Bronze date, about 3,700 years ago.

However, as is frequently the case with ongoing archaeological investigations, interpretations change. It is now recognised that the features are cut from a higher level and therefore are of a later, as yet unknown, date. On site discussions have now been held between the excavators, my officials in Cadw and officers from the Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust. Although interpretations differ as to what the trenches might represent and how old they might be, it is now accepted that it is very unlikely that they represent a prehistoric house. It is possible that they may represent part of a later Roman system of drainage ditches similar to those found from the Roman period on the Gwent Levels. My officials at Cadw, do not feel that they can make a recommendation to schedule the site as an ancient monument because its date and function remains uncertain, and its full extent unclear. Parts of the trench system will anyway remain preserved below an adjacent planned green space within the development.

You have also asked about the carrying out and funding of the excavation. The work is currently being carried out under the planning consent at the expense of the developer, who has been very co-operative to date. The Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust has advised Monmouthshire CC that those elements of the site that will be affected by the development should be fully excavated. The suggestion that they should be preserved by re-burial was originally made by Monmouth Archaeology. However, as the consensus about the date and function of these trenches has now changed, Monmouth Archaeology is now happy to follow the Trust's advice. The developer has funded all the archaeological work to date and remains happy to do so.

This is a very unusual complex of features. More excavation and analysis may yet prove the exact date and function, and it is important that the results are published promptly. Cadw may be able to support the cost of some specialist analysis of the sediments and other environmental evidence to assist in determining exactly what they represent. Cadw will discuss this further with Monmouth Archaeology and Charles Church Ltd.

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

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddweud pryd y mae'n disgwyl y bydd yr astudiaeth llwybr ar uwchraddio'r A4042 yn fy etholaeth yn dechrau, yn dilyn y cyhoeddiad yn y cynllun trafndiaeth a ryddhawyd ddiwedd y llynedd. (WAQ60844)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister provide an indication of when he expects the route study into upgrading the A4042 in my constituency to commence following the announcement in the transport plan released at the end of last year. (WAQ60844)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant) : The National Transport Plan identifies commitments for implementing interventions for beyond 2015. My officials are currently identifying a programme of studies including the A4042 to support these interventions. At present I cannot give a more precise schedule however, I will be able to provide more detailed dates once this programme has been finalised.