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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn datganiad y Prif Weinidog am ei daith i Barcelona, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog nodi faint o fusnesau a fydd 'yn ystyried buddsoddi yng Nghymru yn y dyfodol efallai' ar ôl y cyflwyniad a'r derbyniad y bu ynddo ar gyfer busnesau Catalan, gan gynnwys enwau'r busnesau hynny sydd wedi dangos diddordeb? (WAQ64533)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to the First Minister's statement regarding his trip to Barcelona, will the First Minister detail how many businesses 'may consider future investment' in Wales after the presentation and reception he attended for Catalan businesses, including the names of those businesses who have shown an interest? (WAQ64533)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): In Barcelona, I and my officials made powerful pitches on behalf of Wales - both in networking events and in individual meetings - and officials are currently managing two enquiries that are showing interest in Wales as an investment location. It is not possible to be precise on the number of enquiries that we might receive or the timescale in which we might receive them, given that inward investment and marketing are not precise sciences, but we will pursue all opportunities with alacrity.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau'r tro diwethaf i'w Uned Gyflawni dynnu sylw at y ffaith bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn methu cyflawni ar fater penodol? (WAQ64534)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister confirm the last occasion when his Delivery Unit highlighted that the Welsh Government was failing to deliver on a specific issue? (WAQ64534)

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The First Minister: The latest series of delivery bilaterals with Ministers and their Directors General was completed on 15 April, during which I will have raised issues highlighted by my Delivery Unit for discussion and to ensure that delivery of Welsh Government priorities remain on track.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Sawl gwaith y mae'r Prif Weinidog wedi cwrdd â Gweinidog Tramor y DU yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? (WAQ64561)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many times has the First Minister met with the UK Foreign Minister in the last 12 months? (WAQ64561)

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The First Minister: If the question refers to the Foreign Secretary then the answer is none.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa mor aml y mae'r Prif Weinidog yn cwrdd ag Aelodau o Senedd Ewrop? (WAQ64562)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How frequently does the First Minister meet with Members of the European Parliament? (WAQ64562)

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The First Minister: There is no formal schedule of meetings but I meet MEPs from time to time.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a fydd Tasglu Maes Awyr Caerdydd yn parhau i gyfarfod? (WAQ64570)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm whether the Cardiff Airport Task Force will continue to meet? (WAQ64570)

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The First Minister: The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport will, in the coming weeks, update Assembly Members on how the range of ongoing work streams related to Cardiff Airport fit together and will be taken forward.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Diwylliant a Chwaraeon
To ask the Minister for Culture and Sport*

Ann Jones (Dyffryn Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi nifer a lleoliadau'r pyllau nofio sector cyhoeddus a sector preifat yng Nghymru? (WAQ64550)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister provide the number and the locations of public sector and private sector swimming pools in Wales? (WAQ64550)

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The Minister for Culture and Sport (John Griffiths): Sport Wales statistics show 147 public sector and 147 private sector swimming pools in Wales of 15 metres or more in length. I will write to you giving their location.

There are a number of other swimming pools in Wales which we do not have information about, for example, those associated with seasonal tourism such as swimming pools at campsites.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y berthynas rhwng y Bil Teithio Llesol (Cymru) ac iechyd a lles y genedl? (WAQ64578)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the interface between the Active Travel (Wales) Bill and the nations' health and well-being? (WAQ64578)

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John Griffiths: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

*Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A yw'r Gweinidog wedi cael unrhyw drafodaethau gyda'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ynghylch iechyd a lles a'r Bil Teithio Llesol (Cymru)? (WAQ64579)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Has the Minister had any discussions with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding health & well-being and the Active Travel (Wales) Bill? (WAQ64579)

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John Griffiths: I have discussed the Active Travel (Wales) Bill with the Minister for Health and Social Services. The Welsh Government is mindful of the health, fitness and well-being benefits of this legislation

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cymunedau a Threchu Tlodi
To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty*

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cymryd yn ddiweddar, neu y mae wedi cytuno i'w cymryd, sydd â goblygiadau strategol trawsbortffolio? (WAQ64535)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What actions has the Minister recently taken, or has agreed to take, that have cross-portfolio strategic implications? (WAQ64535)

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The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (Huw Lewis): I work closely with my Cabinet colleagues on a range of cross-cutting issues which fall within the Communities and Tackling Poverty portfolio. These include Tackling Poverty, Equality and Diversity, Sustainable Development, the interests of children, young people and families, and the impact of the UK Government's welfare reforms.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gyfarfodydd y mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu trefnu gyda'r Gweinidog Tai ac Adfywio yn ystod y tri mis nesaf? (WAQ64536)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What meetings does the Minister have planned with the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in the next three months? (WAQ64536)

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Huw Lewis: I have no planned meetings, at present.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am (a) pwy aeth gydag ef ar y daith fasnach i Tsieina a (b) yr holl gostau cysylltiedig â'r daith fasnach, gan gynnwys yr holl gostau trafndiaeth, llety a chynhaliaeth, ynghyd â'r costau ar gyfer unrhyw un a aeth gyda'r Gweinidog ar y daith? (WAQ64537)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail (a) who accompanied him on the trade mission to China and (b) all costs associated with the trade mission, including all transport costs, accommodation and subsistence, along with the costs for anyone who accompanied the Minister on the trip? (WAQ64537)

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Huw Lewis: I was accompanied by a Private Secretary on my recent visit to Beijing and Chongqing. Costs for myself and the Private Secretary came to £7,079.00. Costs to the Welsh Government relating to the Trade Mission came to £11,022.00.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am unrhyw gyfarfodydd sydd wedi cael eu cynnal ers mis Ionawr 2013 rhyngddo ef, y Gweinidog Tai ac Adfywio a'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, gan gynnwys y dyddiadau a'r amseroedd? (WAQ64538)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail any meetings that have been held since January 2013 between himself, the Minister for Housing and Regeneration and the Minister for Health and Social Services, including the dates and times? (WAQ64538)

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Huw Lewis: As Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty I have had meetings with the Minister for Housing and Regeneration on two occasions:

- 26 March, 16.00-16.30
- 15 April, 13.00-13.30

I have not had meetings with the Minister for Health and Social Services in this period.

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

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Am ba hyd y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu cyllido Maes Awyr Caerdydd? (WAQ64539)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): How long does the Welsh Government intend to finance Cardiff Airport? (WAQ64539)

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The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): I refer you to my oral statement and related answers to questions on 16 April.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn WAQ64462, a oes unrhyw asesiad wedi cael ei wneud ynghylch gallu lein y rheilffordd, o Aberdaugleddau tuag at Abertawe ac ymhellach i'r dwyrain, mewn perthynas â symud nwyddau yn y dyfodol, boed yn nwyddau a gynhrychir yn yr Ardal Fenter neu nwyddau sy'n cael eu mewnfario drwy'r Ardal Fenter a'u prosesu ynddi? (WAQ64544)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Further to WAQ64462, has any assessment been made regarding the capacity of the rail lines from Milford Haven towards Swansea and further to the East with regards to the future movement of goods either produced in the Enterprise Zone or imported through it and processed in the Enterprise Zone? (WAQ64544)

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Edwina Hart: As I have previously stated, the Haven Waterway Enterprise Zone Board identified the importance of rail, road, maritime and air links regarding the movement of goods/services with the Zone.

Bethan Jenkins (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi canlyniadau prosiect Band Eang Cymunedol Swyddfa'r Post a gyllidir gan Lywodraeth Cymru, a sefydlwyd yn 2009 i ddarparu canolfannau band eang mewn cymunedau lleol? (WAQ64558)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide the outcomes to the Welsh Government-funded Post Office Community Broadband project, begun in 2009 to provide broadband hubs in local communities? (WAQ64558)

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Huw Lewis: In 2009 the Welsh Government part funded a pilot community broadband project in partnership with BT Wales and Post Office Limited. Under this pilot two rural post offices in Wales – Llanddarog in Carmarthenshire and Newbridge on Wye in Powys – were provided with one off grants of up to £2,500. These grants were used to purchase computer equipment and connections to a suitable broadband provider.

The project was aimed at increasing access to broadband in rural and deprived areas of Wales by providing free usage for the local community. Both post offices are situated in rural communities and sought to: help local farmers to submit online returns; provide access to search engines for homework or online shopping; help local people to access e-mail; and provide access to government services online.

Both post offices are still offering online broadband access and the Post Office Diversification Fund has since provided grants to a number of other post offices in Wales to enable them to purchase equipment and offer a similar service.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Yn dilyn WAQ64370, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pryd y maen disgwyl i ddigwyddiad 'Darganfod Cymru' gael ei gynnal? (WAQ64563)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Further to WAQ64370, will the Minister confirm when she expects the 'Discover Wales' event to take place? (WAQ64563)

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Edwina Hart: We continue to work with partners to host a 'Discover Wales' event for UK based incoming operators in this financial year.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am yr holl weithgareddau hyrwyddo sy'n digwydd dramor i annog ymwelwyr i ddod i Gymru? (WAQ64564)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide details of all promotional activities overseas to encourage visitors to Wales? (WAQ64564)

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Edwina Hart: My Tourism Sector Panel has made a number of recommendations for the development of a new national tourism strategy for Wales which includes a call for a greater focus on marketing Wales to the UK and Ireland and beyond that to the US and Germany. This will be reflected in more targeted marketing and promotional work in these key markets for Wales.

We currently have marketing representatives based in the US and Europe with PR representatives in Germany, Spain and the Netherlands and a trade representative in Germany. We also work closely with Visit Britain to ensure Wales is promoted in other overseas markets.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau'r ganran o gyllideb yr economi, gwyddoniaeth a thrafnidiaeth sy'n cael ei neilltuo i dwristiaeth? (WAQ64565)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm what percentage of the economy, science and transport budget is devoted to tourism? (WAQ64565)

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Edwina Hart: The Tourism budget is 2% of the Department's budget.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a fydd unrhyw fuddsoddiad yn cael ei wneud gan Lywodraeth Cymru mewn gorsaf yn Pye Corner, o ystyried y potensial am gyllid rhannol drwy Gronfa Gorsafoedd Newydd Llywodraeth y DU? (WAQ64566)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm whether any investment will be made by the Welsh Government in a station at Pye Corner, given the potential for partial funding to be made available through the UK Government's New Station Fund? (WAQ64566)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a fyddai Llywodraeth Cymru yn cefnogi creu gorsaf newydd yn Pye Corner yng Nghasnewydd? (WAQ64567)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm whether the Welsh Government would support the creation of a new station at Pye Corner in Newport? (WAQ64567)

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Edwina Hart: Yes, subject to securing other investment in the project.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa fesurau seilwaith fydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu rhoi ar waith yn y dyfodol agos i gynyddu nifer y teithwyr sy'n teithio drwy Faes Awyr Caerdydd? (WAQ64568)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What infrastructure measures will the Welsh Government be putting in place in the near future to increase the number of passenger travelling through Cardiff Airport? (WAQ64568)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau faint o fuddsoddiad preifat y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn gobeithio ei sicrhau ym Maes Awyr Caerdydd? (WAQ64569)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm how much private investment in Cardiff Airport the Welsh Government hopes to secure? (WAQ64569)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a fydd arch-gynllun yn cael ei roi ar waith ar gyfer Maes Awyr Caerdydd? (WAQ64571)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm whether an airport Master Plan will be put in place for Cardiff Airport? (WAQ64571)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau faint o deithwyr y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn disgwyl eu gweld yn teithio drwy Faes Awyr Caerdydd ymhen (a) 12 mis a (b) 2 flynedd? (WAQ64572)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm how many passengers the Welsh Government expects to see travelling through Cardiff Airport in (a) in 12 months' time and (b) in 2 years? (WAQ64572)

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Edwina Hart: I refer you to my oral statement and related answers to questions on 16 April 2013.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau sut y bydd cyllid posibl ar gyfer ffordd liniaru i'r M4 yn effeithio ar ganlyniad mesurau gwella coridor yr M4 sy'n cael eu hystyried ar hyn o bryd? (WAQ64573)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm how potential funding for an M4 relief road will affect the outcome of the M4 corridor enhancement measures currently under consideration? (WAQ64573)

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Edwina Hart: I am currently considering all matters which relate to the proposals to carry out a strategic enhancement of the M4 at Newport and will make an announcement in due course.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau faint mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei wario ar hyn o bryd ar gostau rhedeg Maes Awyr Caerdydd o ddydd i ddydd? (WAQ64574)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm how much the Welsh Government is currently spending on the day to day running costs of Cardiff Airport? (WAQ64574)

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Edwina Hart: I refer you to my oral statement and related answers to questions on 16 April 2013.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a oes gan Lywodraeth Cymru unrhyw gynlluniau i ailstrwythuro Croeso Cymru? (WAQ64575)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm whether the Welsh Government has any plans to restructure Visit Wales? (WAQ64575)

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Edwina Hart: My Tourism Sector Panel has submitted its recommendations to me for a new tourism strategy for Wales 2013-2020. Within this there is a recommendation on the future role of the Panel which, if implemented, would require some realignment within Visit Wales to deliver against the strategy and related action plan. These recommendations and draft action plan are currently being shared with the industry and key stakeholders through a number of workshops. Once this has been completed I will consider the recommendations and draft action plan.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dadansoddiad llawn o'r gyllideb twristiaeth am y 3 blynedd diwethaf? (WAQ64576)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide a full breakdown of the tourism budget for the past 3 years? (WAQ64576)

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Edwina Hart: The Tourism budget for the financial years 2011-12 to 2013-14 is summarised in the table below:

	2011/12 £m	2012/13 £m	2013/14 £m
REVENUE			
Tourism	8,390	7,626	7,740
Strategic & Industry Support	4,357	4,136	3,925
CAPITAL			
Strategic & Industry Support	5,790	2,595	2,313
TOTAL	18,537	14,357	13,978

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ystyriaeth y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei rhoi i gynnwys lles anifeiliaid yn y Cwricwlwm Cenedlaethol yng Nghymru? (WAQ64543)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What consideration has the Minister given to the inclusion of animal welfare within the National Curriculum in Wales? (WAQ64543)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): I recognise that schools in Wales have a part to play in helping learners understand the importance of animal welfare. The school curriculum in Wales currently provides opportunities for children to understand responsibility and develop respect for all living things, including pets. This is provided not only through science, but also in personal and social education (PSE) and through personal and social development in the Foundation Phase, where children are expected to be given opportunities to care for pets.

The flexibility of the school curriculum allows schools to give greater attention to animal welfare should they decide to, and to work with specialist providers if that is appropriate. We are aware that local authority specialists, the police and animal welfare organisations such as the RSPCA and the Dogs Trust support schools who wish to raise awareness of these important issues. The Welsh Government has been collaboratively working with all these organisations to consider how we can deliver consistent messages.

The Welsh Government has recently consulted on the Draft Control of Dogs (Wales) Bill. In line with the duties under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, a young persons version of the consultation document was produced and specific child focussed consultations undertaken. Christianne Glossop, the Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales met with a number of groups of young people at several schools across Wales. Christianne had nothing but praise for the responses she received and the insight expressed by the future pet owners she met with. Children and young people are tomorrows' animal owners and becoming aware of animal welfare considerations at an early stage can lead to those animals being cared for properly in later life. Caring for animals also introduces young people to a broader understanding of responsibility to others.

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cymryd yn ddiweddar, neu y mae wedi cytuno i'w cymryd, sydd â goblygiadau strategol trawsbortffolio? (WAQ64540)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What actions has the Minister recently taken, or has agreed to take, that have cross-portfolio strategic implications? (WAQ64540)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): I work closely with my Cabinet colleagues on all cross-cutting issues that fall within the Health and Social Services portfolio.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gyfarfodydd y mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu trefnu yn ystod y tri mis nesaf gydag (a) y Gweinidog Cymunedau a Threchu Tlodi a (b) y Gweinidog Tai ac Adfywio? (WAQ64541)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What meetings does the Minister have planned in the next three months with (a) the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty and (b) the Minister for Housing and Regeneration? (WAQ64541)

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Mark Drakeford: Currently I have no meetings planned with these Ministers. However, as a new Minister I am reviewing my diary and will meet all Ministers whose policy interests overlap the Health and Social Services portfolio, as that becomes necessary.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Beth y mae'r Gweinidog yn ei wneud i godi ymwybyddiaeth o Apnoea Cwsg Ataliol a'r driniaeth ohono? (WAQ64545)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What is the Minister doing to improve awareness and treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea? (WAQ64545)

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Mark Drakeford: Minimum clinical standards for treating sleep apnoea were drawn up by the All Wales Sleep Apnoea Working Group, made up of respiratory consultants delivering sleep apnoea services in NHS Wales. These formed the basis of the advisory document Sleep Disordered Breathing Services in Wales, which was issued to Health Board Chief Executives in February 2011 to assist them in reviewing their current provision and planning improved sleep services.

A Respiratory Delivery Plan is now being developed for launch this year. It will include sleep apnoea as a core component and will also consider the implementation of the previous guidance.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa ystyriaeth y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei rhoi i gynnwys therapi gwybyddol wedi'i seilio ar ymwybyddiaeth ofalgar fel rhan o'r Gwasanaeth Iechyd a Lles Cymru Gyfan i Gyn-filwyr? (WAQ64551)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What consideration has the Minister given to the inclusion of mindfulness based cognitive therapy as part of the All Wales Veterans Health and Wellbeing Service? (WAQ64551)

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am i ba raddau y mae therapi gwybyddol wedi'i seilio ar ymwybyddiaeth ofalgar ar gael i gleifion yn y GIG yng Nghymru? (WAQ64552)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of mindfulness based cognitive therapy to patients in the Welsh NHS? (WAQ64552)

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i sicrhau bod holl gleifion Cymru'n cael cyfle cyfartal i ddefnyddio therapi gwybyddol wedi'i seilio ar ymwybyddiaeth ofalgar ym mhob rhan o Gymru? (WAQ64553)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What action is the Minister taking to ensure that all Welsh patients have equal access to mindfulness based cognitive therapy in all parts of Wales? (WAQ64553)

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei wneud o gyfraniad posibl therapi gwybyddol wedi'i seilio ar ymwybyddiaeth ofalgar tuag at iechyd y cyhoedd yng Nghymru? (WAQ64554)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What assessment has the Minister made of the potential contribution of mindfulness based cognitive therapy towards public health in Wales? (WAQ64554)

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Mark Drakeford: The inclusion of mindfulness based cognitive therapy as part of the All Wales Veterans Health and Wellbeing Service is a matter for the Service and its constituent local services. The Service has developed, and is implementing, a common care pathway for use across the Service, which includes accessing treatments provided by other (Third Sector) providers where these are evidence based. This principle of access to appropriate evidence based treatments according to clinical need applies to all areas of the Welsh NHS.

We expect the provision of all treatments including psychological therapies to be in line with the clinical needs of the individual and follow NICE guidelines, which includes guidance for use in treating specific conditions and which have a robust evidence base underpinning their use.

My officials have held discussions with providers of mindfulness therapy and more widely have just received the findings of a review of baseline psychological therapies in Wales, which I will be considering in due course. This review is identified in the Delivery Plan of Together for Mental Health, our Mental health strategy which takes a broad view of actions required to improve mental health and wellbeing in Wales, including access to psychological therapies.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cymryd mewn cymunedau sydd â chyfraddau brechu MMR isel er mwyn atal rhagor o achosion o'r frech goch yng Nghymru? (WAQ64555)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What action is the Welsh Government taking in communities with low MMR vaccination rates to prevent further outbreaks of measles in Wales? (WAQ64555)

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Mark Drakeford: As at 16 April, it is estimated that around 5,000 children still remain at risk from measles in the Swansea area alone, and up to 70,000 across Wales remain either partially protected or totally unprotected against measles, mumps and rubella.

Recent MMR uptake rates for Wales continue to show a positive, upward trend. The latest figures from Public Health Wales (COVER report Quarter 4, 2012) show for Wales as a whole, uptake of the first dose of MMR is now 94.3% at two years of age. Uptake of the second dose at five years of age has also increased to 89.9%.

Whilst more infants are having the vaccine now, efforts must also be focused on those children who missed out for whatever reason in the past so that they are offered catch up vaccinations to provide maximum protection to the community as a whole. We are actively working, along with the media, to raise public awareness of the importance of MMR vaccination and to reiterate the actions that people can take to help themselves and others. We are encouraging everyone in Wales who has not had their two scheduled doses of MMR to make an appointment with their GP or to attend one of the special clinics. The population in the outbreak area, and increasingly throughout Wales, are very well engaged and there is currently a great demand for MMR vaccination with around 5,000 unscheduled vaccine doses given in the week up to 16 April.

Following my written statement issued on 16 April, the Chief Medical Officer for Wales has asked Health Boards to activate plans to vaccinate all unprotected school aged children, as part of a Wales-wide campaign, with the aim of completing the task as soon as possible and no later than 24th May 2013. To

facilitate this, Public Health Wales has produced data for each Health Board area detailing MMR coverage by school to assist with targeting areas with low vaccine uptake.

The Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and the Health Boards will continue to take all necessary and appropriate measures to reduce the impact of the outbreak as far as possible. For the longer term, the Welsh Government's revised NHS Delivery Framework includes the prevention measure "Immunisation – children under four years of age 95% target rate" which relates to all childhood vaccines delivered through national programmes, including MMR.

This recognises the importance of immunisation in preventing disease. The Welsh Government and Public Health Wales will continue to support Health Boards to achieve this.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ddarparu canolfan breswyl arbenigol i drin Anhwyllder Straen Wedi Trawma? (WAQ64556)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of a specialist residential treatment centre for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder? (WAQ64556)

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Mark Drakeford: NICE clinical guidelines are clear that the treatment of PTSD is normally conducted in a community setting and specialist mental health services, such as the Post Traumatic Stress Service, provide for the needs of people with PTSD. In addition, recognising the higher prevalence of PTSD among the veterans community we have established the dedicated All-Wales Veterans Health and Wellbeing Service to provide for their needs, again in local and accessible community settings.

The May 2012 Healthcare Inspectorate Wales report into Healthcare for the Armed Forces Community, recommended the Welsh Government consider the utility of establishing a form of residential centre. In response to that report Professor Rosemary Kennedy was asked to chair a task and finish group to consider this issue as well as the wider issue of the provision of 'one stop shop' services for all veterans' holistic needs.

Professor Kennedy's Group, which includes representation from the serving military and service charities across Wales, held its first meeting in January 2013 and is currently gathering evidence from a range of individuals and organisations involved with veterans.

The final report is due in June 2013 at which point I and the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, who has responsibility for armed forces and veterans issues, will consider the findings.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y ffaith na chafodd mwy na hanner y ceisiadau am feddyginiaeth canser (12 allan o 21) o dan y broses Ceisiadau Cyllido Cleifion Unigol ym Mwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Caerdydd a'r Fro eu cymeradwyo yn ystod y cyfnod rhwng 1 Tachwedd 2011 a 31 Gorffennaf 2012, ac unrhyw bryderon a all godi o hyn? (WAQ64557)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the fact that over half of cancer medicine requests (12 out of 21) under the IPFR process in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board were not approved during the period 01 November 2011 to 31 July 2012, and any concerns that may arise from this? (WAQ64557)

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Mark Drakeford: The decisions of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board were made in accordance with principles set out in the all-Wales policy for processing individual patient funding requests (IPFR). Where IPFR requests were not approved, patients would have received the best available, alternate treatments such as those approved by the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) or the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r broses ar gyfer cymeradwyo Cytundeb Cyfaddawd ar ôl iddo gael ei arwyddo gan aelod o staff sy'n gadael y GIG yng Nghymru? (WAQ64559)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline the process for approval of a Compromise Agreement once signed by a departing NHS staff member in Wales. (WAQ64559)

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Mark Drakeford: The responsibility for managing compromise agreements lies with Local Health Boards as the employing organisation.

The expectation is that procedural instructions on the recording of any associated settlements are in place and that any payments which are considered 'special' for accounting purposes are managed in accordance with the guidance set out in the Welsh Government's Manual for Accounts. The Local Health Board Audit Committee should also be informed of any such 'special' payments at their meetings.

The Welsh Government is committed to a culture of openness and transparency in all of its undertakings. NHS organisations through their employment arrangements are expected to cultivate a culture of openness which encourages staff to raise concerns reasonably and responsibly. The NHS whistle-blowing policy is currently being reviewed by employers, trade unions and staff associations to ensure that it reflects best practice.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Oes gan Lywodraeth Cymru, y Byrddau Iechyd Lleol a Phwyllgor Gwasanaethau Iechyd Arbenigol Cymru broses ffurfiol ar gyfer cyllido rhaglengynhwysfawr o lawdriniaethau epilepsi (neu drefniadau cyllido priodol er mwyn i hyn ddigwydd) neu, os nad oes, a oes unrhyw gynlluniau i roi hyn ar waith? (WAQ64560)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Does the Welsh Government, the LHBs and WHSSC have a formal process for funding of a comprehensive epilepsy surgery programme (or appropriate funding arrangements for this to happen) or, if not, are there plans to put this in place? (WAQ64560)

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Mark Drakeford: Epilepsy surgery is a specialised service, and the Welsh Health Specialist Services Committee (WHSSC) is responsible for the planning and delivery of specialised and tertiary services in Wales on behalf of Local Health Boards.

The development of the epilepsy surgery programme is one of the schemes within the WHSSC draft Annual Plan for 2013/14. The implementation of this scheme will be subject to the outcome of the assessment of evidence and prioritisation work which will provide information to the Chief Executives and other Joint Committee Members to inform their decision.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r gweithdrefnau sydd yn eu lle ar gyfer rhanbarth y 'Gogledd' a'r rhanbarth 'De, Gorllewin a'r Canolbarth' os bydd y galw am waed yn fwy na'r stociau o waed sydd yng Nghymru? (WAQ64577)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister outline the procedures in place, for both 'North' and 'South, West & Mid', if demand for blood exceeds blood stocks in Wales? (WAQ64577)

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Mark Drakeford: A reliable, efficient supply of blood to hospitals in England and North Wales is maintained by NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT), and for South, West and Mid Wales this supply is maintained by the Welsh Blood Service (WBS).

Demand for blood (red cells) fluctuates on a daily basis, depending as it does on patient mix and local circumstances. WBS and NHSBT manage this fluctuation through their blood stocks and this is further managed at a local level through hospital blood stocks. These stocks are kept at a high enough level to ensure that even large fluctuations in local demand can be supported, but not so high that there is wastage of blood, which has a limited shelf life. It is possible for the blood services to increase the level of blood collection, if overall demand increases above the expected level. WBS and NHSBT have made extensive preparations for any incident which might disrupt the normal supply of blood, be that an incident at one of their own facilities, or an external incident which causes a significant unanticipated increase in demand for blood or blood products.

In the very unlikely event of the complete, long term loss of a department or centre, other emergency plans would be activated including 24/7 operations. In addition there is a memorandum of understanding between the four UK Blood Services providing support in times of crisis.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y defnydd o iechyd ataliol i leihau'r baich yn y dyfodol ar y system gofal iechyd? (WAQ64580)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the use of preventative health to reduce the future burden on the healthcare system? (WAQ64580)

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r camau y mae'n eu cymryd i sicrhau bod iechyd ataliol yn rhan ganolog o wella iechyd pobl Cymru? (WAQ64581)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister outline the actions he is taking to ensure that preventative health is central to improving the health of the people of Wales? (WAQ64581)

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Mark Drakeford: Our Healthy Future, Wales' public health strategic framework, called for a shift in the NHS towards prevention and early intervention. This theme has been picked up in the Programme for Government which outlines the priorities for Health, including the prevention of poor health and the reduction of inequalities.

A key element of our preventive work is to reduce obesity and alcohol misuse and increase levels of healthy eating and physical activity. Programmes delivering on these issues include the Change4Life Social Marketing Campaign, food co-operatives, Have a Word (brief interventions addressing alcohol misuse) and the National Exercise Referral Scheme.

Another major cause of preventable illness in Wales is smoking which is being addressed through the Fresh Start Wales campaign, Stop Smoking Wales and Smokers Helpline Wales. Campaigns to prevent the harm from drug abuse are delivered through the Dan 24/7 substance abuse helpline.

The Welsh Government has reviewed its commitment to develop a more meaningful measurement of what the NHS delivers. The purpose is to measure delivery across a wider area than just acute hospitals and make a step towards including health and well being across the whole of the NHS and wider partners. Included in the revised NHS Delivery Framework are the prevention measures "Immunisation – Children under four years of age 95% target rate" and "Influenza vaccine rate - staff and high risk groups". These measures have been elevated from Tier 2 to Tier 1 measures recognising the importance of these interventions in preventing disease and the consequent benefits to the health of the people of Wales. The Welsh Government and Public Health Wales will be engaging with and supporting Health Boards to deliver these outcomes.

National population screening programmes are important public health initiatives that allow for the early detection and treatment of potential health problems in asymptomatic people. Public Health Wales delivers a range of national population screening programmes on behalf of the Welsh Government. Adult programmes include breast, cervical and bowel screening. An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening programme is in the final stage of development and will commence in the near future. Maternal and child health screening programmes include antenatal, newborn bloodspot and newborn hearing screening.

The Programme for Government also includes a commitment to introduce a programme of annual health checks for people aged over 50, with implementation planned from the end of 2013 onwards.

Preventing avoidable ill health in our poorest communities is a further key area of work. Every Health Board in Wales must set clear targets for reducing health inequalities and report annually on how health is improving and inequalities are narrowing.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y stociau gwaed presennol yng Nghymru, a'r stociau a ragwelir? (WAQ64582)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on current and predicted blood stocks in Wales? (WAQ64582)

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Mark Drakeford: NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) which covers north Wales and England overall stock target (modified at intervals as usage varies) is around 45,000 to 55,000 units of blood (red cells), which is approximately 8 days stock. As of 17/04/13, NHSBT were carrying 9.2 days worth of stock.

At 9 am on 17/04/13 overall stock for south, west and mid Wales stood at 10.4 days, comprising 4.3 days held by the Welsh Blood Service and 6.1 days of stock held in Welsh hospitals..

These blood stocks are within the planned and predicted limits. Stocks are quoted in days of average usage, ignoring variation by blood group.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y gefnogaeth iechyd a lles y meddwl i gyn-filwyr yn y gymuned? (WAQ64583)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on mental health and well-being support for service veterans in the community. (WAQ64583)

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Mark Drakeford: Following a Welsh Government Annual Operating Framework (AOF) target for 2010-11, which required each Health Board specifically to consider the priority health needs of veterans when planning services, we established the Mental Health and Well-Being Service for Veterans, with annual funding of £485,000. The Service was launched in October 2010 across Wales following a successful pilot in the Cardiff and Vale area.

Unique in the UK, it provides local access to specialist care for veterans with mental health problems, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It also acts to signpost veterans to other support they may require, such as substance misuse services, housing or citizens advice. The Service works closely with other service providers, including those in the Third Sector, such as Combat Stress which has also been funded by the Welsh Government (£42,000 2012-13 to 2014-15) and provides a number of nurse led support groups across Wales.

We have also established Veterans Health Champions in each Health Board, who play a key role in the development of the Mental Health and Well-being Service and championing veterans' needs.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth
To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cymryd yn ddiweddar, neu y mae wedi cytuno i'w cymryd, sydd â goblygiadau strategol trawsbortffolio? (WAQ64542)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What actions has the Minister recently taken, or has agreed to take, that have cross-portfolio strategic implications? (WAQ64542)

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The Minister for Local Government and Government Business (Lesley Griffiths): I work closely with my Cabinet colleagues on a range of cross-cutting issues which fall within the Local Government portfolio. These include Public Service reform, Armed Forces and Veterans, and Community Safety issues such as Youth Justice and Violence against women and domestic abuse.

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

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (Gogledd Cymru): Beth yw cynlluniau Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer gweinyddu dwr yng Nghymru? (WAQ64546)

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): What are the Welsh Government's plans regarding the administration of water in Wales? (WAQ64546)

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The Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Alun Davies): The Welsh Government policy direction in relation to Wales is set out in the Strategic Policy Position Statement on Water published in 2009 and

updated in 2011. We are currently developing a Water Strategy for Wales which we intend to publish for consultation later this year.

The Strategy will cover all aspects of water policy and will set out how we will take an ecosystem approach to water management. This approach aims to optimise benefits for our economy, our environment and the people of Wales.

In addition, the Welsh Government's evidence to the Silk Commission sets out the National Assembly for Wales should have legislative competence in relation to all water and sewerage matters. This competence should extend to the geographical boundary with England.

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (Gogledd Cymru): Beth yw rôl Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru o ran cadwraeth dwr? (WAQ64547)

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): What is the role of Natural Resources Wales in water conservation? (WAQ64547)

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Alun Davies: Natural Resources Wales is responsible for ensuring that the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, enhanced and used, now and in the future. They have a duty to manage, conserve and redistribute water resources in Wales. They do this through the abstraction licensing system which aims to meet the demands of water users while conserving and securing the proper use of water.

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (Gogledd Cymru): Pa amcangyfrif y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ei wneud o werth ariannol adnoddau dwr ecolegol Cymru? (WAQ64548)

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): What estimate has the Welsh Government made of the monetary value of Wales' ecological water resources? (WAQ64548)

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Alun Davies: A review of existing evidence on the economic valuation of water is currently being undertaken and will seek to inform and support the Water Strategy for Wales. Further evidence is being gathered as part of the development of the Water Strategy, and the valuation of water was discussed with external Stakeholders at a recent Water Strategy workshop. Economic valuation of environmental goods and services is not an exact science and the trend in the existing literature is to present a range of values rather than one specific monetary value.

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (Gogledd Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ei wneud o ddichonolrwydd rhagor o bwer trydan dwr? (WAQ64549)

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the feasibility of additional hydroelectric power? (WAQ64549)

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Alun Davies: Around 188 sites are currently under investigation by commercial hydro developers, community groups and private landowners. These vary in generating potential from under 10kW to 19MW. Around 70% of these are in the <15kW to 100kW range.

I am committed to increasing the number of hydro schemes that are operational in Wales and I am examining different options available to us.