

Answers issued to Members on 24 October 2008

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Questions to the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide a breakdown detailing the funding allocated by all Welsh Assembly Government Departments to ethnic minority organisations for 2007/08 and 2008/09? (WAQ52624)

The Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery (Andrew Davies): The table below summarises the information supplied by individual departments on specific direct funding to ethnic minority organisations.

	£000	£000
DEPARTMENT	2007-08	2008-09
Health and Social Services	135	174
Social Justice and Local Government	1,212	1,857
Economy and Transport	1,695	2,763
Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills	1	1
Environment, Sustainability and Housing	1,473	1,460
Constitutional Affairs, Equality and Communication	315	178

To note that: the 2008-09 Social Justice and Local Government allocation includes £450,000 capital funding to support refuge provision; the Rural Affairs and Heritage Departments do not collect this information.

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): Does the Welsh Assembly Government have a bank account or investments in any particular financial institutions and, if so, where is the money deposited and on what terms? (WAQ52626)

Andrew Davies: The vast majority of Welsh Assembly Government funds are held by the Government Banking Service (GBS), formerly known as the Office of the Paymaster General, in accounts with the Bank of England. The Assembly Government draws down money monthly for most of its needs, so balances in GBS accounts can go up to £1bn. It is important to stress that we do not hold funds for investment.

The Assembly Government also holds funds with Barclays as the GBS does not yet offer a full range of banking services. These working capital balances held with Barclays are generally around £5m to £7m, but can peak at up to £11m in anticipation of particular expenditure.

Finally, the Assembly Government also operates a number of bank accounts overseas (mostly in the USA) to support our offices and work there. Balances in these accounts would never exceed £100k at any given time.

Questions to the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Further to WAQ52338 can the information contained in the answer be updated to include the recently published data for 2007-2008? (WAQ52635)

The Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing (Jane Davidson): The table for the 2007-08 results is included below. The tables for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are also reproduced below as a mistake was found in the 2005-06 figures in WAQ52338, as described in the footnote below Table 1. Incidents recorded by the Environment Agency have also been added into each table.

Table 1, 2005-06

Local Authority	Total number of fly-tipping incidents	Number of prosecutions taken*
Blaenau Gwent CBC	360	3
Bridgend CBC	335	5
Caerphilly CBC	2,356	192
Carmarthenshire CC	1,294	10
Ceredigion CC	428	0
City and County of Cardiff	14,125	725
City and County of Swansea	8,214	4
Conwy CBC	1,109	0
Denbighshire CC	1,234	38
Flintshire CC	785	0
Gwynedd Council	864	0
Isle of Anglesey CC	1,531	0
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	646	0
Monmouthshire CC	802	1
Neath Port Talbot CBC	1,174	0
Newport CBC	65	0
Pembrokeshire CC	614	0
Powys CC	815	0
Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	3,530	0
Torfaen CBC	597	0
Vale of Glamorgan Council	2,499	103
Wrexham CBC	581	0
Environment Agency**		4
Wales total	44,245	1,085

* Includes Fixed Penalty Notices

**Incidents recorded by the Environment Agency

Note: There was a mistake in the corresponding table in WAQ52338. The number of prosecutions taken in Carmarthenshire CC, Ceredigion CC and City and County of Cardiff were placed in the wrong rows and have now been corrected.

Table 2, 2006-07

Local Authority	Total number of fly-tipping incidents	Number of prosecutions taken*
Blaenau Gwent CBC	285	0
Bridgend CBC	1,074	124
Caerphilly CBC	3,116	139
Carmarthenshire CC	1,649	13
Ceredigion CC	441	0
City and County of Cardiff	21,792	199
City and County of Swansea	7,401	10
Conwy CBC	1,328	1
Denbighshire CC	1,086	24
Flintshire CC	958	0
Gwynedd Council	1,034	0
Isle of Anglesey CC	1,530	1
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	1,547	0
Monmouthshire CC	846	2

Neath Port Talbot CBC	1,631	0
Newport CBC	133	0
Pembrokeshire CC	727	0
Powys CC	855	0
Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	3,478	0
Torfaen CBC	594	7
Vale of Glamorgan Council	2,630	85
Wrexham CBC	706	40
Environment Agency**	220	3
Wales total	55,061	648

* Includes Fixed Penalty Notices

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Table 3, 2007-08

Local Authority	Total number of fly-tipping incidents	Number of prosecutions taken*
Blaenau Gwent CBC	35	13
Bridgend CBC	2,042	571
Caerphilly CBC	2,725	112
Carmarthenshire CC	1,215	72
Ceredigion CC	480	0
City and County of Cardiff	26,537	288
City and County of Swansea	7,323	11
Conwy CBC	1,336	6
Denbighshire CC	991	9
Flintshire CC	903	16
Gwynedd Council	878	0
Isle of Anglesey CC	2,613	3
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	1,482	1
Monmouthshire CC	812	1
Neath Port Talbot CBC	1,557	0
Newport CBC	1,637	5
Pembrokeshire CC	819	0
Powys CC	1,584	0
Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	3,257	0
Torfaen CBC	871	18
Vale of Glamorgan Council	1,546	61
Wrexham CBC	993	0
Environment Agency**	158	0
Wales total	62,153	1,187

* Includes Fixed Penalty Notices

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Questions to the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery

Mike German (South Wales East): Could the Minister clarify whether or not the £2m announced for Hospices last December will be ring fenced for charitable hospice funding and will be in addition to current LHB funding? (WAQ52636)

The Minister for Health and Social Services (Edwina Hart): The £2million recurrent central palliative care funding is for voluntary sector hospices and is provided in addition to funding made available by LHBs for palliative care services.

Mike German (South Wales East): With reference to the £2m announced for Hospices last December could the Minister clarify what the allocation / bidding process is to be for this Money? (WAQ52637)

Edwina Hart: There is no bidding process for the central palliative care funding for hospices. Funding allocations will be based on a formula established by Professor Finlay, which applies the recommendations set out in the Sugar Report and focuses on the need for consultant-led services.

Questions to the Minister for Heritage

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister give urgent consideration to providing funding to preserve Cwrt Farm in Pembrey? (WAQ52638)

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with individuals and interested organisations with regard to preserving Cwrt Farm in Pembrey? (WAQ52639)

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What requests has the Minister received for funding to preserve Cwrt Farm in Pembrey? (WAQ52640)

The Minister for Heritage (Alun Ffred Jones): I have had no approaches from individuals or interested organisations but Cwrt Farm in Pembrey was visited by my predecessor in November 2006. The Assembly Government, via its historic environment division, Cadw, has given grant of almost £2,000 to Cadw Sir Gaerfyrddin Cyf towards a feasibility study into future uses for the building. I understand that the Friends of Cwrt Farm and Cadw Sir Gaerfyrddin Cyf are working together towards restoration and I am willing to consider the possibility of further grant assistance, alongside other funding sources such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.