

**Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 16 Tachwedd  
2012**

**Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 16 November 2012**

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

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Pa fesurau sydd ar waith er mwyn cynllunio'r gweithlu'n effeithiol ac yn gynaliadwy fel y gellir cael y nifer ddymunol o feddygon teulu cyfwerth ag amser llawn yng Nghymru. (WAQ61563)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** What measures are in place for the effective and sustainable workforce planning to achieve the desired number of full time equivalent general practitioners in Wales. (WAQ61563)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 15 Tachwedd 2012  
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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths):** It is the responsibility of individual NHS organisations to ensure safe staffing levels, including those in primary care services. NHS organisation are currently considering workforce and skill mix as they carry out work on reconfiguring services to drive up the quality of care.

Detailed workforce planning information for Wales is collected by the National Leadership and Innovation Agency for Healthcare (NLIAH). This information informs the analysis of the level of general practitioners required in Wales.

In addition, the Welsh Medical Committee's GP National Specialist Advisory Group, the Royal College of General Practitioners Wales and GPC Wales all contribute to effective workforce planning and provide the Welsh Government with a view from the profession on various GP-related issues, including workforce.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu cymryd i sicrhau bod y gweithlu meddygon teulu yn cael ei gynllunio'n effeithiol yng Nghymru. (WAQ61564)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** What action has the Minister taken to ensure effective workforce planning for General Practitioners in Wales. (WAQ61564)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** Working with the Welsh Government, the Wales Deanery and GPC Wales, the National Leadership and Innovation Agency for Healthcare (NLIAH) published a report in July 2012, assessing whether Wales is likely to have a sufficient supply of newly trained GPs in future to meet the anticipated demand. This report has been circulated to NHS Health Boards and Trusts to inform their local workforce planning.

An integrated workforce planning process is also in place across NHS Wales. As part of this, each Health Board and Trust is expected to submit an annual workforce plan to NLIAH encompassing its entire workforce, including independent contractors who deliver services to patients on its behalf.

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

**Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru):** Beth y mae'r Gweinidog yn ei wneud i sicrhau bod yr holl dai cymdeithasol yn bodloni Safonau Ansawdd Tai Cymru cyn gynted â phosibl. (WAQ61560)

**Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** What is the Minister doing to ensure all social housing meets the Welsh Housing Quality Standards as soon as possible. (WAQ61560)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 14 Tachwedd 2012*  
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**The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis):** Continuing financial support of £108m per annum in the form of Major Repairs Allowance (MRA), rigorous monitoring of landlords' progress and negotiations with Treasury to end HRAS in Wales, are all key.

The latest monitoring data indicates good progress and most landlords will meet it by 2017. Three authorities do not currently have acceptable business plans to meet the deadline of 2020 and I have set up a Ministerial Taskforce to consider their positions and wider progress by all landlords. They are due to report to me next spring.

I am also in discussions with HM Treasury to negotiate a revised financial settlement to enable the HRAS to be ended in Wales. Those discussions are continuing.

**Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru):** A yw'r Gweinidog yn adolygu'r terfyn amser pan fydd yn rhaid i'r holl dai cymdeithasol fodloni Safon Ansawdd Tai Cymru. (WAQ61559)

**Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Is the Minister reviewing the deadline for which all social housing must meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard. (WAQ61559)

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**Huw Lewis:** The Housing White Paper, Homes for Wales published in May 2012, reaffirmed the expectation that social landlords will achieve WHQS by 2020. We have no plans to review this deadline.

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

**Llyr Huws Gruffydd (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa un o'r pedwar dewis seilwaith priffyrdd yn yr Ymgynghoriad ar Wella Coridor yr M4 (rhwng mis Mawrth a mis Gorffennaf 2012) yr oedd y cyhoedd yn ei ffafrio. (WAQ61561)

**Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales):** Which of the four highway infrastructure options in the M4 Corridor Enhancement Consultation (March – July 2012) was preferred by the public. (WAQ61561)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Tachwedd 2012*  
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**The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant):** The responses received from both the public and organisations are currently being assessed.

**Llyr Huws Gruffydd (Gogledd Cymru):** Pam na wnaethpwyd Asesiad Amgylcheddol Strategol cyn yr ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar Wella Coridor yr M4 (rhwng mis Mawrth a mis Gorffennaf 2012). (WAQ61562)

**Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales):** Why was a Strategic Environmental Assessment not undertaken prior to the public consultation on the M4 Corridor Enhancement (March – July 2012). (WAQ61562)

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**Carl Sargeant:** It was decided that the most suitable time to undertake SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) was when the various possible packages of measures under consideration as part of the M4 Corridor Enhancement Measures (CEM) had been developed to a stage that an SEA could be appropriately applied.

Since September 2010 there has been a wide-ranging, focussed engagement with stakeholders and local people, which has encompassed statutory environmental bodies and other organisations with an interest in the likely environmental impact of transport measures.

The engagement process assisted with the identification and development of the M4CEM strategic approach and the measures to be taken forward at the start of the M4 CEM Consultation, March - July 2012. At this point it was considered that the M4CEM Programme had been developed to an appropriate level for a SEA to be carried out.

This assessment work has linked into that undertaken for the National Transport Plan and the environmental information reported as part of the M4CEM Consultation. The M4 CEM SEA is out for consultation and the comments received will be considered before I make my announcement with regard to which measures should be developed as part of an M4 CEM Strategy.

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi datganiad am ymarferoldeb adeiladu gorsaf drenau newydd yng nghanol tref Glynebwy fel yr amlinellir yn y Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Cenedlaethol. (WAQ61565)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide a statement on the feasibility of building a new rail station in the town centre of Ebbw Vale as outlined in the National Transport Plan. (WAQ61565)

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**Carl Sargeant:** Extending the Ebbw Vale rail line to a new town centre station is included in the prioritised National Transport Plan for delivery after 2015.

**Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru):** Beth y mae'r Gweinidog yn ei wneud i hybu ac i ehangu cynlluniau trafndiaeth gymunedol yng Nghymru. (WAQ61566)

**Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What is the Minister doing to promote and extend community transport schemes in Wales. (WAQ61566)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 21 Tachwedd 2012*  
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**Carl Sargeant:** I am considering the findings from the evaluation of the CTCFI alongside the recommendation from the bus funding review. I will make a further announcement in due course.