

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 26 Ebrill 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 26 April 2013

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[W] *yn nodi bod y cwestiwn wedi'i gyflwyno yn Gymraeg/signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.*

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

Ann Jones (Dyffryn Clwyd): Beth y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei wneud i gefnogi pêl-droed ar lawr gwlad yn Nyffryn Clwyd? (WAQ64591)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): What is the Welsh Government doing to support grassroots football in the Vale of Clwyd? (WAQ64591)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Ebrill 2013
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The Minister for Culture and Sport (John Griffiths): The Welsh Government supports the development of grassroots football via Sport Wales. This year, including lottery support, nearly £1m will be invested to support the Welsh Football Trust (WFT) to work with football clubs to help increase participation and assist in coaching programmes within local communities. In Clwyd, Denbigh Town are being supported by a WFT Development Officer who is involved in developing a new Football in the Community programme and Rhyl Football Club has an extensive community programme, which is also supported by the WFT.

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

Ann Jones (Dyffryn Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu mynd i'r afael â homoffobia yng Nghymru? (WAQ64592)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government plans to tackle homophobia in Wales? (WAQ64592)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 24 Ebrill 2013
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The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (Huw Lewis): The Welsh Government is committed to tackling homophobic bullying and hate crime. This is reflected in the work being undertaken to take forward our Hate Crime Framework for Action which will be launched for consultation in summer 2013. Written Statement was sent to Assembly Members in March 2013 outlining the priorities and how we will take forward consultation across Wales.

This Framework is being driven by a Task and Finish Group with representatives from Welsh Government policy areas and also with key stakeholders across the statutory and voluntary sector, including the Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Probation Services and Stonewall Cymru. There has been very positive engagement undertaken in collaboration with Stonewall Cymru to date and this has included consultation with community based groups and feedback from Mardi Gras Festivals held throughout Wales. Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) people gave a strong representative response to a Welsh Government on-line survey held as an evidence base to the Framework.

The Welsh Government also provides funding to Stonewall Cymru from the Advancing Equality Fund. The organisation is funded to achieve equality for LGB people at home, at school and at work. Their work is tailored to the needs of LGB people across Wales and draws upon a wealth of research from Stonewall across Britain.

In October 2011, Welsh Government published new comprehensive guidance on homophobic bullying in schools, as well as four other areas of bullying. Sport Wales is working with Stonewall Cymru to ensure that we create a thriving sporting community within Wales, where Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people feel safe, welcome and free from discrimination when participating in sport. Sport Wales, in partnership with Stonewall Cymru, launched research findings into 'Understanding Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Participation in Sport' on 6 December 2012. The report provided a sense of how LGB people living in Wales experience and view sport and, as a result, an LGBT Sport Network has been formed to tackle homophobia in Sport.

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi rhestr o'r holl adolygiadau presennol a gomisiynwyd gan ei adran, gan gynnwys:

- a) dyddiad eu comisiynu,
- b) teitl yr adolygiad,
- c) y rhesymau dros yr adolygiad, a
- d) y dyddiad y disgwylir iddynt gael eu cwblhau? (WAQ64589)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide a list of all the ongoing reviews that have been commissioned by his department, including:

- a) the date they were commissioned,
- b) the title of review,
- c) the reasons for review, and
- d) the date they are expected to be completed? (WAQ64589)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Gorffennaf 2013
Answer received for publication on 10 July 2013

Leighton Andrews: The Department for Education and Skills constantly gathers evidence, and evaluates its policies, to ensure that it delivers for learners in the best way. A list of ongoing major reviews follows:-

a) the date they were commissioned,	b) the title of review,	c) the reasons for review, and	d) the date they are expected to be completed?
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January 2013	The Future Delivery of Education Services in Wales	The review focussed on improving the effectiveness of the current delivery of education services and options on how best this could be delivered at the school, local authority, regional and national level. Consultation on the report will commence in the summer 2013.	April 2013
October 2012	Review of Initial Teacher Training	The Review considered the provision of Initial Teacher Training (ITT) in Wales, and advised on how the provision of ITT may more effectively meet the current and likely future needs of schools in Wales in the context of the Welsh Government's developing policies and aims.	May 2013
February 2012	Review of Higher Education in North East Wales	To provide advice on what form of HE provision will best service the economic, social and learner needs of North East Wales	June 2013
October 2012	Review of Curriculum and Assessment	<p>The review aims to streamline and simplify assessment arrangements and consider the National Curriculum core and other foundation subjects at each stage, to ensure that our expectations of content and skills developments are suitably robust, sufficiently demanding and in line with the Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF).</p> <p>The review will consider the wider assessment arrangements which operate in schools and will make recommendations to me on any changes needed to ensure that the (LNF) and the reading and numeracy tests form part of a coherent approach. The review will respond to concerns about the reliability of teacher assessment highlighted by Estyn, consider whether standards/levels of attainment contained within our curriculum are sufficiently stretching and explore the impact of changing assessment on the wider curriculum. I have asked officials to consider, in particular, the use and usefulness of the</p>	Interim Report - September 2013. Second Phase - September 2014

		current approach to level descriptors and attainment targets, the most appropriate modes of assessment, how assessment data is used and reported, and the timing of the assessments that are undertaken and which subjects it is necessary to assess.	
November 2012	Review of Roles and Responsibilities of School Governance	The review will consider the fitness for purpose of the school governance framework in Wales. The review by the School Governance Task & Finish Group was paused in January 2013, to allow for the Robert Hill review (<i>The Future Delivery of Education Services in Wales</i>) to be conducted. The group has now reconvened to take into consideration some of the recommendations of the Robert Hill review.	September 2013
January 2013	OECD- Review of Education in Wales	To provide an external assessment of the quality and equity of education outcomes in Wales. To draw upon lessons from PISA and other benchmarking countries/regions with an expert analysis of key aspects of education policy in Wales. To invite the OECD, on the basis of their analysis, to highlight areas of policy and its implementation which might add further value to our reform programme for improving education outcomes for young people in Wales.	April 2014

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai ac Adfywio
To ask the Minister for Housing and Regeneration

Ann Jones (Dyffryn Clwyd): Beth y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei wneud i gefnogi adfywio'r stryd fawr yng Nghymru? (WAQ64590)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): What is the Welsh Government doing to support the regeneration of high streets in Wales? (WAQ64590)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 25 Ebrill 2013
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The Minister for Housing and Regeneration (Carl Sargeant): We are currently supporting a range of town centre regeneration activities in the seven Regeneration Areas. Our continued commitment to support town centre regeneration is a key part of our new regeneration framework, Vibrant and Viable Places, which was launched recently.