

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 23 Ionawr 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 23 January 2012

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***Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister***

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu datganiad wedi'i ddiweddarau ynghylch statws Uned Gyflawni'r Prif Weinidog, ei lefel staffio a dyletswyddau diffiniedig aelodau o staff a ddyrannwyd i'r Uned. (WAQ59566)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide an updated statement on the status of the First Minister's Delivery Unit, its staffing complement and the defined duties of staff members allocated to it. (WAQ59566)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): The Delivery Team comprises seven members and is headed by a Deputy Director. It reports directly to me on the progress and effectiveness of each department towards delivering the government's priorities. As I have responsibility for the legislative programme, the Legislative Programme Team, comprising six members of staff, also reports to the head of the Delivery Unit.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu manylion yr ymweliadau y mae wedi'u cael i ymgysylltu â'r Cyngor Ewropeaidd, y Comisiwn Ewropeaidd neu Senedd Ewrop ym Mrwsel ac yn Strasbwrg yn ystod y deuddeg mis diwethaf. (WAQ57568)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide details of visits he has undertaken to engage with the European Council, Commission or Parliament in Brussels and Strasbourg within the last twelve months. (WAQ57568)

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The First Minister: I visited Brussels on the 31st January 2011 to address the Cohesion Forum where I met representatives from the Council, Commission and Parliament. During that visit I undertook meetings with the chair of the European Parliament's Regional Development Committee and the UK Permanent Representative to the EU. I also visited on the 23rd February 2011 to host my annual diplomatic St David's Day reception, where again I met representatives from the Council, Commission and the European Parliament.

In addition, I have actively engaged with European representatives in Wales at a number of events organised by the European Commission's Office in Cardiff.

Alun Davies, the Deputy Minister with responsibility for European Programmes has also undertaken regular visits to Brussels and Strasbourg. During these visits he has met MEPs and European Commission representatives. He also attends the Joint Ministerial Committee on Europe and has represented Wales at the European Council.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu'r dyddiadau pan gyfarfu â Phrif Weinidog y DU dros y 12 mis diwethaf, ac ar gais pwy y trefnwyd y cyfarfodydd hyn. (WAQ59570)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide dates for when he has met with the Prime Minister over the last 12 months, and at whose instigation these meetings were arranged. (WAQ59570)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 26 Ionawr 2012
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The First Minister: I am in frequent contact with the Prime Minister by correspondence on a wide range of detailed issues. Information about meetings is as follows:

Date of Meeting	Instigated By
8 June 2011	Neither (regular Joint Ministerial Committee meeting)
12 July 2011	Mutually arranged
13 October 2011	Mutually arranged

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddatganiad am sefyllfa Llywodraeth Cymru mewn perthynas â chymryd rhan unwaith mewn Tîm Pêl-droed Prydain Fawr yng Ngemau Olympaidd yr haf nesaf, a'r difidend cadarnhaol y gallai hyn ei olygu i Gymru a'i mabolgampwyr. (WAQ59571)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's position in relation to the one-off participation of a Team GB Football Side at next summer's Olympic Games, and the positive dividends that this could bring for Wales and its sportsmen and women. (WAQ59571)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 19 Ionawr 2012
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The First Minister: The Welsh Government has fully supported the Millennium Stadium's participation as a host venue for the Olympic Football Tournament and recently invested in Stadium technology infrastructure to ensure a continued world class experience for players, fans, sponsors and media. The configuration of the tournament itself and the constitution of participating teams is a matter for the football authorities not for the Welsh Government.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pryd oedd y tro diwethaf i'r Prif Weinidog ymweld ag (a) Caerdydd, (b) Abertawe, (c) Casnewydd, (d) Bangor, (e) Ynys Môn, (f) Blaenau Gwent, (g) Merthyr Tudful, (h) Pontypridd, (i) Sir Benfro, (j) Caerfyrddin, (k) Sir Fynwy, (l) Bro Morgannwg, (m) Llanelli a (n) Llandudno. (WAQ59572) W

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): When did the First Minister last visit (a) Cardiff, (b) Swansea, (c) Newport, (d) Bangor, (e) Anglesey, (f) Blaenau Gwent, (g) Merthyr Tydfil, (h) Pontypridd, (i) Pembrokeshire, (j) Carmarthen, (k) Monmouthshire, (l) the Vale of Glamorgan, (m) Llanelli and (n) Llandudno. (WAQ59572) W

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Y Prif Weinidog: Dangosir yr wybodaeth isod.

Lleoliad	Dyddiad yr ymweliad diwethaf
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Caerdydd	Wedi fy lleoli yng Nghaerdydd
Abertawe	9 Rhagfyr 2011
Casnewydd	2 Medi 2011
Bangor	14 Ionawr 2011
Ynys Môn	10 Tachwedd 2011
Blaenau Gwent	6 Hydref 2011
Merthyr Tudful	16 Mawrth 2011
Pontypridd	1 Rhagfyr 2011
Sir Benfro	9 Ionawr 2012
Caerfyrddin	13 Rhagfyr 2011
Sir Fynwy	19 Rhagfyr 2011
Bro Morgannwg	1 Medi 2011
Llanelli	12 Ionawr 2012
Llandudno	18 Chwefror 2011

The First Minister: The information is shown below.

Location	Date of last visit
Cardiff	Cardiff based
Swansea	9 December 2011
Newport	2 September 2011
Bangor	14 January 2011
Anglesey	10 November 2011
Blaenau Gwent	6 October 2011
Merthyr Tydfil	16 March 2011
Pontypridd	1 December 2011
Pembrokeshire	9 January 2012
Carmarthen	13 December 2011
Monmouthshire	19 December 2011
Vale of Glamorgan	1 September 2011
Llanelli	12 January 2012
Llandudno	18 February 2011

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa asesiad y mae'r Prif Weinidog wedi'i wneud o anghenion cyfathrebu Llywodraeth Cymru er mis Mai 2011. (WAQ59573) W

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What assessment has the First Minister made of the communications needs of the Welsh Government since May 2011. (WAQ59573) W

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Y Prif Weinidog: Mae'r Rhaglen Lywodraethu'n nodi'n glir beth mae'r Llywodraeth hon wedi ymrwymo i'w gyflawni ar gyfer pobl Cymru yn ystod y pedair blynedd nesaf. Fel ag yn achos holl wasanaethau proffesiynol eraill Llywodraeth Cymru, cynhelir asesiadau ar y gefnogaeth o ran y cyfathrebu sydd ei hangen i gyflawni hyn ac i ddarparu'r gwasanaeth parhaus o wybodaeth i'r cyhoedd ac ymgysylltu â'r cyhoedd sy'n ofynnol gan Lywodraeth fodern.

The First Minister: The Programme for Government sets out clearly what this Government is committed to deliver for the people of Wales over the next four years. Like all other Welsh Government professional services, assessments are made on the communications support needed to deliver this and to provide the ongoing public information and engagement service required of a modern Government.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Faint o bobl a gyflogwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru fel swyddogion y wasg fel ar a) 31 Mai 2011 a b) 31 Rhagfyr 2011. (WAQ59574) W

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): How many people were employed by the Welsh Government as press officers as at a) 31 May 2011 and b) 31 December 2011. (WAQ59574) W

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Y Prif Weinidog: Mai 2011 – 28.8 o swyddogion y wasg cyfwerth ag amser llawn
31 Rhagfyr 2011 – 25.2 o swyddogion y wasg cyfwerth ag amser llawn.

The First Minister: May 2011 - 28.8 Full-time equivalent (FTE) press officers
31 December 2011 - 25.2 Full-time equivalent FTE press officers.

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am berchnogaeth Maes Awyr Caerdydd, gan gyfeirio'n benodol at y posibilrwydd y gallai Llywodraeth Cymru gael buddiant materol ynddo. (WAQ59565)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the ownership of Cardiff Airport, with particular reference to the possibility of the Welsh Government gaining a material interest in it. (WAQ59565)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): Cardiff Airport is owned by the Abertis Group and we are working closely with the owners to review all options that would facilitate growth and opportunities for businesses.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y camau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd hyd yn hyn i hyrwyddo Cymru fel cyrchfan ddeniadol i'r Banc Buddsoddi Gwyrdd. (WAQ59567)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the actions taken to date by the Welsh Government in promoting Wales as an attractive destination for the Green Investment Bank. (WAQ59567)

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Edwina Hart: I wrote to Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills in September last year to inform him of the Welsh Government's intention to bid for the Green Investment Bank to be located in Cardiff and he formally noted that intention.
The bid document that we will be submitting will highlight Cardiff's strong credentials for hosting the Green Investment Bank.

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

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y canlyniadau i rieni y mae gan eu plant bresenoldeb isel yn yr ysgol. (WAQ59562)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on consequences for parents whose children have a low attendance at school. (WAQ59562)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): Improving attendance is a key priority of mine and a significant body of work is under way to support this. A new behaviour and attendance action plan was developed in March 2011 in order to take account of these priorities.

Ensuring regular school attendance depends on close working relationships between parents, pupils, schools, the Education Welfare Service and other professionals working with children and young people in social, educational and health care settings.

Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996, a parent is responsible for ensuring that that any compulsory school-age children they have receive efficient full-time education that is suitable to their child's age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs the child may have.

Under section 437 of the Education Act 1996, a local authority has a duty to ensure that compulsory school-aged children within their authority are receiving a suitable education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. As part of their duties local authorities can prosecute a parent under the Act if the child fails to attend school regularly. Such measures should be applied only when the Education Welfare Service has exhausted all avenues of working with the school, pupil and parents in ensuring regular attendance at school.

Prior to any prosecution local authorities may serve a School Attendance Order (SAO) on a parent who fails to prove that their child is receiving a suitable education. A SAO may be used to direct a parent to send their child to a specified school and should be used when a pupil is not on roll at any school.

Where a registered pupil at a school does not attend regularly, local authorities can also apply to the Courts for an Education Supervision Order (ESO). The purpose of the ESO is to place a child who is not being properly educated under local authority supervision. Local authorities are required to consider whether it would be appropriate to apply for an ESO instead of, or in addition to, prosecuting parents for irregular attendance or failure to observe a school attendance order. ESOs are designed to ensure that such a child receives full-time education and that both parent and child are given sufficient support, advice and guidance.

The Education (Parenting Contracts and Parenting Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2010 allow that, if a pupil is not attending a school regularly, the local authority or school may offer a Parenting Contract to the parent. A parenting contract is a formal written agreement between the parent, who agrees to comply with the requirements of a contract, and the local authority or school who agree to provide support to the parent for the purpose of complying with the contract.

In addition local authorities may apply to the Courts for a Parenting Order. A Parenting Order requires parents to attend counselling or guidance sessions for a period of up to three months. It may also require them to comply with specified requirements (for example, ensuring the child is escorted to and from school) for a period of up to twelve months.

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r ffigurau ar gyfer y gwariant adrannol ar faterion sy'n ymwneud ag iechyd anifeiliaid (heb gynnwys y rheini sy'n ymwneud yn uniongyrchol â TB mewn gwartheg), gyda'r ffigurau ar gyfer y pedair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ59563)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide figures for the departmental spend on animal health matters (excluding those directly related to Bovine TB), with figures for the last 4 financial years. (WAQ59563)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): Below is the Animal Health Programme Expenditure for the last 4 financial years (this is net of Bovine TB and Delegated Running Cost expenditure).

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12*
Animal Health Expenditure	£2,405,841.39	£413,867.70	£477,346.59	£8,201,766.24

* Figures provided up to end of December 2011. From the 1st April 2011, further animal health and welfare budgets were Devolved to Wales from DEFRA.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ei drafodaethau ef a'i swyddogion mewn perthynas â phori anghyfreithlon, ac yn benodol y goblygiadau i les anifeiliaid sy'n deillio o hynny, gan gyfeirio'n benodol at y digwyddiadau diweddar yn ne Cymru. (WAQ59569)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on his and his officials' discussions in relation to fly-grazing, and in particular the animal welfare implications that arise out of it, with particular reference to recent events in South Wales. (WAQ59569)

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John Griffiths: Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development:

There are ongoing concerns amongst members of the public, landowners and welfare charities across South Wales over the illegal grazing and abandonment of horses.

Welsh Government officials attended a recent meeting with the police, enforcement bodies and welfare organisations to co-ordinate an approach to tackle the abandonment of horses and the associated criminal activity. This initiative has the full support of a number of local and national horse welfare charities.

Further meetings are planned.

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

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Beth mae'r Gweinidog yn gobeithio ei gyflawni drwy'r tair Ymgyrch Iechyd y Cyhoedd y mae wedi ymrwymo i'w hariannu yn 2012. (WAQ59560)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): What does the Minister hope to achieve through the three Public Health Campaigns she has committed to funding in 2012. (WAQ59560)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): In 2012 our Change4Life social marketing campaign, focusing on reducing obesity, will continue to provide ongoing support for approximately 17,000 families and 1,100 adults signed up to the programme to ensure long term behaviour change.

In addition, engagement will be widened to recruit additional people to the programme. We will specifically target information at at-risk families and develop an on-going relationship with them.

Change4Life will support people to be more physically active and eat healthily and reduce obesity levels, enabling people to improve their health and reduce the burden on the NHS.

In addition, the Alcohol Change4Life Campaign will aim to:

increase the numbers of those who self identify ie people recognising this is an issue which affects them

increase realisation amongst the target audience of how much they are currently drinking (units)

communicate the long term health harms of drinking above the lower-risk guidelines and the benefits of drinking within guidelines, in order to motivate people to try to make adjustments in their drinking habits

provide relevant helpful hints and tips on how to reduce consumption, rooted in how people live their lives

establish Change4Life as a brand to communicate the health harms of drinking above the lower risk guidelines.

The Smoking in Cars campaign will call on parents and other carers of children to make a pledge not to smoke in their cars when children are present, under the banner of 'Fresh Start Wales'. During the campaign, we would expect to see a significant reduction in exposure to second-hand smoke.

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu ei gweledigaeth ar gyfer cyflenwi'r tair Ymgyrch Iechyd y Cyhoedd y mae wedi ymrwymo i'w hariannu yn 2012. (WAQ59561)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister outline her vision for the delivery of the three Public Health Campaigns she has committed to funding in 2012. (WAQ59561)

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Lesley Griffiths: We will continue to promote the **Change4Life** social marketing campaign, part of the Welsh Government's broader response to help the people of Wales achieve and maintain a healthy body weight, to eat well, move more and live longer. The focus will be on addressing obesity, targeting and

supporting families with young children and adults between the ages of 45 and 65 to make simple changes to eat well and move more.

There will be **3 main components** to this work in 2012. “**Supermeals**” launched on 18 January addresses the barriers to healthy eating by providing easy-to-follow recipes, with easily accessible and reasonably-priced ingredients and a shopping list to make it easier to plan trips to the supermarket. In May, June and July the campaign will focus on getting people active over the summer. It will link to the Olympics and other major sporting events, developing the ongoing legacy from such events. In September the focus will again be around a national walking day, linking in with ITV, and building on the success of local events held across Wales in 2011.

In March 2012 the Change4Life campaign will broaden to specifically communicate the **health harms of drinking alcohol** at levels above the guidelines and provide a range of hints, tips and tools to encourage people to drink within the lower-risk guidelines.

In 2011 we announced a renewed campaign to **raise awareness of the dangers of second hand smoke** and to motivate smokers to quit by directing them to smoking cessation support. This is included as an action for the Welsh Government in the Tobacco Control Action Plan and funding for a comprehensive three year media campaign has been agreed. Reducing children's exposure to second-hand smoke will help to protect the most vulnerable in society and promoting smoke-free cars carrying children will bring home to parents and others the risk their smoking poses to the health of children.

The campaign will be launched in January 2012 and will call on parents and other carers of children to make a pledge not to smoke in their cars when children are present, under the banner of ‘Fresh Start Wales’. Campaign advertising will commence on Monday 6 February 2012 and will be focused on those likely to smoke in cars with children using drive time local radio, roadside billboards, back-of-bus and bus shelter advertising in locations across Wales, messaging on petrol pumps and partnership opportunities. The first phase of advertising will run until the middle of April.

Gofyn i Gomisiwn y Cynulliad
To ask the Assembly Commission

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff Comisiwn y Cynulliad ddarparu'r ffigurau ar gyfer nifer yr aelodau newydd o staff y mae wedi'u cyflogi yn y chwe mis diwethaf, gan gynnwys eu swyddogaethau ac a oedd eu cyflogaeth ar sail llawn amser neu ran amser. (WAQ59564)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Assembly Commission provide figures for the number of new members of staff that it has taken on in the last 6 months, including their roles and whether the employment was on a full time or part time basis. (WAQ59564)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Ionawr 2012
Answer received for publication on 20 January 2012

Assembly Commissioner (Peter Black):

From 16 July 2011 to 16 January 2012, twenty nine new members of staff have been employed by the Assembly Commission.

Total number of staff as at 16 July 2011 = 346

Total number of staff as at 16 January 2012 = 357

Total number of staff left within this period = 16

Two employees commenced employment as part-time staff and became full-time members of staff during this period.

The following table gives a breakdown of roles and identifies full time and part time posts.

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Role	Full time	Part time	Total
Weekend Visits Team Manager		1	1
Security Officer	16	2	18
Members' Services Administrator	2		2
Legal Secondment	1		1
Head of Procurement	1		1
Higher Research Officer	1		1
Visitor Relations Officer	1	1	2
Weekend Visitor Relations Officer		1	1
HR Officer	1		1
Learning and Development Support Officer	1		1
Total	24	5	29