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

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): O gofio atebion y Prif Weinidog i WAQ58197, WAQ58198, WAQ58199 a WAQ58200, pam ei fod wedi dweud yn ei ateb i WAQ57923 nad oes strategaeth wedi'i chyhoeddi'n benodol ar gyfer Gemau Llundain yn 2012 a nodi y byddai camau i ddwyn manteision i Gymru mewn cysylltiad â Gemau 2012 yn deillio yn lle hynny o Strategaeth sydd eisoes yn bodoli gan Lywodraeth Cymru, sef Digwyddiadau Cymru. (WAQ58292)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Given the First Minister's responses to WAQ58197, WAQ58198, WAQ58199 and WAQ58200, why did he say in his response to WAQ57923 that "there is no published strategy specifically relating to the London 2012 Games" and indicate that steps to seize benefits for Wales associated with the 2012 Games would instead come from the Welsh Government's pre-existing Event Wales Strategy. (WAQ58292)

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): O gofio bod Cynllun Gweithredu Strategol Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer Gemau Olympaidd a Gemau Paralympaidd Llundain 2012 wedi'i gyhoeddi, sef 'Llunio'r Etifeddiaeth i Gymru', pam fod ymateb Llywodraeth Cymru i Gais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth (ATI 5348) ym mis Medi yn nodi nad oes strategaethau gan Lywodraeth Cymru yn gysylltiedig â manteision twristiaeth na pherfformiad busnesau Cymru o safbwynt y Gemau Olympaidd, a pham nad oedd dim awgrym yn yr ateb ynghylch cyhoeddi unrhyw strategaeth yn y dyfodol. (WAQ58291)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Given the publication of 'Securing the Legacy for Wales', the Welsh Government's Strategic Action Plan for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, why did the Welsh Government's response to a Freedom of Information Request (ATI 5348) in September state that "there are no Welsh Government strategies in relation to Wales' Olympic business performance or tourism benefits from the Olympics" and why did the response give no indication as to any future strategy being published. (WAQ58291)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): As my answer to your previous questions indicated, at that time there was no published strategy in place specifically relating to the London 2012 Games although a working document identifying actions aimed at maximising the economic, sporting, cultural and social benefits had been in existence for some time. Since then, an updated action plan has been produced highlighting achievements to date and the further actions we will be pursuing specific to the tourism and business opportunities flowing from the 2012 Games. I have asked for a copy to be placed in the Library.

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn ei hatebion i WAQ58223 a WAQ58016, a wnaiff y Gweinidog egluro faint o arian a dalwyd i bob sefydliad a nodi pa wasanaeth a ddarparwyd gan bob sefydliad. (WAQ58319)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to her answers to WAQ58223 and WAQ58016, will the Minister clarify the amount paid to each organisation and identify what service each organisation delivered. (WAQ58319)

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies):

The estimated payment to each organisation and the service provided by each organisation referred to in the response to WAQ58223 were:

External Validation of Glastir Payment Rates:	
ADAS	£23,000
Bumblebee Trust	£300
Programme Governance, Quality and Assurance:	
Peter Hillman Associates	£32,000
On farm Assessment for Water Quality:	
Environment Agency	£150,000
Education and Training Events for Farmers:	
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group / Institute of Biological, Environment and Rural Sciences	£100,000
Menter & Business	£68,000
Education and Training for Staff:	
RSPB	£ 2,500
Anglesey Red Squirrel	£200
ADAS	£ 1,500
Marketing:	
Wallace Walker Management	£ 9,000

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 1 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Roi'r Cytundeb Llwyth Gwaith Athrawon ar Waith, ac yn dilyn cyhoeddi adroddiad Estyn ym mis Mawrth 2009, pa gamau pellach y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd. (WAQ58321)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 1 of the Enterprise and Learning Committee's Report on the Implementation of the Teacher Workload Agreement, and following the publication of Estyn's report in March 2009, what further action has been taken by the Welsh Government. (WAQ58321)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): Following the publication of the report by Estyn, the Welsh Government commissioned further research into the implementation of the National Agreement on Raising Standards and Tackling Workload (the 'Workload Agreement') from the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER). Their report, 'Research into the National Agreement on Raising Standards and Tackling Workload', was published in January 2010. The NFER were asked to review progress on implementation of the Workload Agreement and to identify examples of good practice. It was also tasked with exploring the impact of the Workload Agreement on learners.

The NFER research confirmed Estyn's findings that, whilst schools reported difficulty in disaggregating the impact of the Workload Agreement from that of other improvement strategies, they were able to

identify specific benefits for learners that have been a direct product of the Agreement. The research has been widely disseminated and remains available on the Welsh Government website.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 3 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Roi'r Cytundeb Llwyth Gwaith Athrawon ar Waith, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd ar ôl i'r ymchwil hwn gael ei gyhoeddi. (WAQ58322)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference recommendation 3 of the Enterprise and Learning Committee's Report on the Implementation of the Teacher Workload Agreement, what action has the Welsh Government taken following the publication of this research. (WAQ58322)

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Leighton Andrews: The NFER research considered the implementation of PPA and Cover arrangements in a range of school contexts. Researchers found that all the schools involved in the research were meeting their statutory obligations and that arrangements for the routine provision of time for teachers' planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) were being progressively strengthened. However, the research also found that, particularly in primary schools, headteachers were continuing to carry out a disproportionate amount of cover which does not make the best use of the strategic skills of senior leaders and neither does it comply with statutory provisions of the STPCD which relate to the provision of cover.

Many schools have successfully adopted alternative strategies for providing cover and it is important that best practice is widely shared to enable all schools to have effective cover arrangements in place. I have therefore asked Estyn, as part of its remit work, to carry out further work to identify effective cover strategies that schools are already using and to report on the impact they have on continuity of learning.

The Welsh Assembly Government originally provided £70m additional funding through the Revenue Support Grant to support the implementation of the Workload Agreement, of which 'rarely cover' is an integral element. This level of funding continues to be available to Local Authorities to distribute to schools according to locally determined needs and priorities.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 4 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Roi'r Cytundeb Llwyth Gwaith Athrawon ar Waith, pa ystyriaethau sydd wedi'u rhoi i fanteision, neu anafanteision, cyflogi rheolwyr ysgol yn yr ysgolion uwchradd mwyaf. (WAQ58323)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 4 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Implementation of the Teacher Workload Agreement, what considerations have been given to the advantages, or otherwise, of employing school managers in larger secondary schools. (WAQ58323)

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Leighton Andrews: Following the report by the Enterprise and Learning Committee I asked Estyn, as part of its remit work, to report on the deployment of School Business Managers in Wales and to identify best practice. Their report, 'School business managers; a best practice guide', was published in April 2010 and demonstrated that the deployment of school business managers, or their equivalents, was already well established in secondary schools across Wales although there remained scope for further development of their role. The report contains a number of recommendations for schools and my officials have drawn attention to these through the School Funding web pages on the WG website.

Effectively deployed school business managers have a valuable role in ensuring the efficient use of school resources – they also have the potential for releasing headteachers from administrative tasks that divert their attention from strategic leadership of teaching and learning. The wider deployment of school business managers was also considered as part of the actions to support the Frontline Review of Resources that I commissioned. This included a number of possibilities including smaller schools sharing the services of a school business manager, perhaps as part of a federated arrangement. Officials have been in regular dialogue about this work with the National Association of School Business Managers and the National College who have well established provision in England.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 4 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Weithredu'r Cytundeb ynghylch Llwyth Gwaith Athrawon, pa ystyriaethau sydd wedi'u rhoi i'r mesurau posibl i leihau'r oriau y mae pob athro yn eu gweithio. (WAQ58324)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 4 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Implementation of the Teacher Workload Agreement, what considerations have been given to potential measures to reduce the hours worked by all teachers. (WAQ58324)

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Leighton Andrews: The Welsh Assembly Government was a founding signatory to the Workload Agreement and remains committed to its principles of addressing workload issues to enable teachers and headteachers to focus on their core activities of teaching and learning. The Agreement aimed to achieve this by transferring tasks away from teachers and headteachers that did not require their professional skills and experience. The provisions of the Agreement that address these issues now have statutory force in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document and it is the responsibility of school leaders and their governing bodies to ensure these requirements are met in full. The measures to reduce working hours, therefore, already exist. The most recent annual Teachers' Workload Diary survey shows that teachers' working hours have steadily decreased since 2000. There is comprehensive guidance material on the Welsh Government website to support schools, practitioners and governing bodies to comply with statutory provision and so reduce working hours.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 5 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Weithredu'r Cytundeb ynghylch Llwyth Gwaith Athrawon, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i sicrhau bod monitro cydbwysedd rhwng bywyd a gwaith yn dod yn rhan annatod o arfarniadau athrawon. (WAQ58325)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 5 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Implementation of the Teacher Workload Agreement, what action has been taken by the Welsh Government to ensure that the monitoring of work-life balance becomes an integral part of the teacher appraisal. (WAQ58325)

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Leighton Andrews: In February, I announced that I would be strengthening the arrangements for teacher and head teacher performance management as part of my 20 point plan to improve educational outcomes in Wales. A consultation on new regulations has just been completed and I am considering the responses. I will announce my decisions shortly.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 8 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Weithredu'r Cytundeb ynghylch Llwyth Gwaith Athrawon, pa fesurau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u rhoi ar waith i sicrhau amodau a chyflogau cyson i gynorthwywyr dosbarth a staff cymorth eraill a bod cyllid yn cael ei neilltuo i ddarparu hyfforddiant ac i ddatblygu cynorthwywyr dosbarth a staff cymorth eraill. (WAQ58326)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 8 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Implementation of the Teacher Workload Agreement, what measures has the Welsh Government implemented to ensure consistent pay and conditions and the provision of training and development of classroom assistants and other support staff hypothecated funding. (WAQ58326)

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Leighton Andrews: The Welsh Government has recently conducted a review of professional standards, continuing professional development and performance management. This has focused on the school workforce as a whole and so included those support staff who work in schools. As part of this review we have been working with an implementation group of support staff and their employers to develop a framework of professional standards and development which meets the needs of support staff in schools. We have already revised the standards for Higher Level Teaching Assistants, with new standards coming into force from 1 September this year. We are also developing a national induction programme for support staff. We are continuing to work with the Implementation Group to ensure that support staff are able to access continuing professional development which meets their needs and focuses on the priorities for education in Wales.

The powers to set the pay and conditions of all school support staff rest with Local Authorities on the basis of guidance from the Local Government Employers' Organisation. Local Authorities have been required, as part of the 1997 'Single Status' Agreement, to address equal pay through single status reviews. This process is underway in Wales and completion of the single status reviews could lead to greater consistency of pay for school support staff. We will continue to monitor the progress and impact of single status reviews on support staff pay across Wales.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 1 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar y Ddarpariaeth ar gyfer Myfyrwyr Ôl-19 sydd ag Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i wella darpariaeth addysg bellach ar gyfer pobl ifanc sydd ag anawsterau dysgu dwys a lluosog. (WAQ58327)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 1 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report On Provision for Post-19 Students with Additional Learning Needs, what action has been taken by the Welsh Government to improve further education provision for young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties. (WAQ58327)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Tachwedd 2011
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Leighton Andrews: Further education colleges in Wales are funded for courses aimed specifically at young people with various degrees of learning difficulty and/or disability. In order to inform policy in this area, the Welsh Government has put in place a timetable to facilitate a research contract to be awarded in January 2012 to identify levels of need and provision of post-19 education for young people with complex learning difficulties living in Wales and to assess how needs can be addressed. The process has, to date, involved developing a draft research specification with input from Scope Cymru to ensure the research addresses pertinent issues and that the outcome is a relevant research report.

This research will inform development work underway to take forward recommendations made by the Post-16 Additional Learning Needs Task and Finish Group in November 2010 on future arrangements for funding post-16 additional learning needs in schools and further education.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 2 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar y Ddarpariaeth ar gyfer Myfyrwyr Ôl-19 sydd ag Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol, a all y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod arolwg wedi'i gynnal o waith Gyrfa Cymru ac a all amlinellu pa gamau sydd wedi'u cymryd i sicrhau bod yr arferion gorau'n cael eu gweithredu yn y maes hwn. (WAQ58328)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 2 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report On Provision for Post-19 Students with Additional Learning Needs, can the Minister confirm that a survey of the work of Careers Wales has taken place and can he outline what steps have been taken to ensure that best practice is implemented in this area. (WAQ58328)

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Leighton Andrews: The Enterprise and Learning Committee Report emphasised the importance of transition planning to begin at an earlier stage. Careers Wales companies are required by contract to attend all transition reviews from Year 9 onwards or provide an interview to the young person. In the academic year 2009-10, Careers Wales took part in 3,267 transition reviews, representing 97% of the total invitations to attend.

Recommendation 35 of 'Future Ambitions: developing careers services in Wales', which looked at the totality of careers services delivery, stated that the new unitary Careers Wales structure should review the existing delivery models, training, and professional development in respect of careers support services provided to people with learning difficulties and disabilities; with a view to promoting greater consistency across Wales. This has been accepted.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at gyllid ar gyfer Darpariaeth Addysg Bellach Preswyl Arbenigol, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau sawl cais am gefnogaeth ariannol a broseswyd ac a gafodd eu cyfleu i ymgeiswyr erbyn 1 Gorffennaf ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd diwethaf, gan gynnwys ffigurau ar gyfer cyfanswm nifer y ceisiadau. (WAQ58329)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to funding for Specialist Residential F.E Provision, will the Minister confirm how many applications for funding support were processed and communicated to applicants by the 1st July in each of the last 3 years, including figures for the total number of applications. (WAQ58329)

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Leighton Andrews: The information is below.

Academic Year to which the application relates	Number of funding applications received by July for September start (excluding withdrawals)	Total communicated by 1 July*
2009/10	79	38
2010/11	89	52
2011/12	104	45

* Based on date of letter, which is subsequent to confirmation phone call/e-mail/fax.

Specialist residential further education is secured for those relatively few learners for whom local further education is inappropriate. In assessing the evidence for such applications judgements must be rigorous and consistent to ensure that statutory duties are met.

Whilst the majority of applications are received at the end of January, others are received at various times during the year. All applications are dealt with as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Some are concluded swiftly whilst others are more complex and take considerably longer.

Where cases have taken longer to reach a conclusion, significant issues have been submission of incomplete applications and time taken to agree joint funding with the relevant local authority, where appropriate.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 5 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar y Ddarpariaeth ar gyfer Myfyrwyr Ôl-19 gydag Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i hwyluso'r broses o drosglwyddo staff rhwng ysgolion arbenigol a cholegau i greu arbenigedd yn y sector Addysg Bellach. (WAQ58330)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 5 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report On Provision for Post-19 Students with Additional Learning Needs, what action has the Welsh Government taken to facilitate the transfer of staff between specialist schools and colleges to build expertise in the FE sector. (WAQ58330)

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Leighton Andrews: This recommendation is being taken forward as part of work by the Post-16 Additional Learning Needs Development and Implementation Group. This Group is working to identify means of taking forward recommendations aimed at improving arrangements for funding post-16 additional learning needs in schools and further education.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 6 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar y Ddarpariaeth ar gyfer Myfyrwyr Ôl-19 gydag Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol, a yw Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cynnal yr arolwg hwn ac a wnaiff y Gweinidog gyhoeddi'r canfyddiadau. (WAQ58331)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 6 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report On Provision for Post-19 Students with Additional Learning Needs, has the Welsh Government undertaken this survey and will the Minister make the findings publicly available. (WAQ58331)

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Leighton Andrews: Work has been undertaken to identify the provision of transport for post 19 students with additional learning needs. The work concluded that the provision is provided by multitude of agencies including social services, education authorities and colleges. The report identifies some example of best practise and we are currently looking at the best way of disseminating this to the agencies involved in the provision of transport to post 19 students with additional learning needs.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 2 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Swyddogaeth Llywodraethwyr Ysgolion, pa gamau sydd wedi'u cymryd i hwyluso'r drefn i

alluogi mwy o lywodraethwyr ysgol i gymryd rhan mewn sesiynau hyfforddi ar y cyd â staff ysgol. (WAQ58332)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 2 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Role of School Governors, what steps have been taken to facilitate greater participation by school governors in shared training sessions with school staff. (WAQ58332)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 5 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Swyddogaeth Llywodraethwyr Ysgolion, pa gamau sy'n cael eu cymryd i sicrhau bod gan lywodraethwyr ysgol ddealltwriaeth eang o'r darlun addysgol ehangach a dealltwriaeth gadarn o'r cwricwlwm cenedlaethol. (WAQ58333)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 5 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Role of School Governors, what steps are being taken to ensure that school governors have a broad understanding of the wider educational picture and a sound understanding of the national curriculum. (WAQ58333)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 5 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Swyddogaeth Llywodraethwyr Ysgolion, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i sicrhau bod llywodraethwyr dynodedig yn cael eu dewis i arbenigo mewn meysydd penodol o'r cwricwlwm cenedlaethol. (WAQ58334)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 5 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Role of School Governors, what steps have been taken by the Welsh Government to ensure that named governors are being identified to specialise in specific areas of the national curriculum. (WAQ58334)

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Leighton Andrews: I am responding to questions WAQ58332, WAQ58333 and WAQ58334 as one response as they are interlinked and all relate to recommendation 2 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Role of School Governors.

The issues you raise here are linked in to the need for governors to be better trained and to have a better understanding of national initiatives and to develop knowledge about the curriculum. I agree that governors need to be well informed about educational developments and that training will help governors better understand their role. Training for governors is vital if they are to be more effective in discharging their responsibilities. There are many training opportunities and other types of support available to governors to improve their knowledge and understanding of the educational developments taking place in Wales and the Welsh Government's policies and initiatives.

You know, of course, of the powers I have taken in the Education measure to make governor training mandatory and to set out the content of that training. There was a thorough debate on this during scrutiny of the Measure. Having these powers will allow me to create a cohesive and comprehensive all Wales training program for governors, so that they can all access high quality training wherever they are in Wales.

In addition to this, there are further avenues of support available to governors. The Welsh Government funds Governors Wales to hold conferences across Wales which includes workshops about different and topical policy matters, delivered by persons with expertise. These are means by which the governors can learn about the wider education picture and policy developments. They add to the communications, guidance and consultations that my Department issues on policy matters. We also fund the all Wales

Centre for Governor Training and Research to support the publication of the termly governor newsletter 'Cadwyn' which includes articles on our key policies. Finally, we work with local authorities to ensure their local governor training events focus on our key developments.

This package of support ensures that school governors are able to access information and training to give them a broader understanding of the wider educational picture and a sound understanding of Welsh Government policies.

You are particularly interested in the need for governors to be aware of developments in the national curriculum and for the governing body to have link governors attached to various curriculum subjects. The Welsh Government is working with Governors Wales to pilot the Quality Mark Award for Governing Bodies. This is the first stage of a three tiered system of governing body self evaluation and review which will provide governors with a benchmark to measure their effectiveness. Schools that have taken part in the pilot have found the experience to be invaluable and rewarding and are keen to participate further.

One of the criteria to be achieved in order to be awarded the Bronze Quality Mark is that governors should be able to demonstrate that they understand the school's curriculum and how it meets the requirements of local and national government. This is achieved by governors being linked to specific areas of the curriculum and being invited to observe lessons to help them understand what happens in the classroom. This facilitates greater participation by school governors in shared training sessions, including with school staff and helps to support school improvement.

My Department also sends curriculum material to schools for the attention of chairs of governors, so governors should be well informed about developments.

Whilst there is no law in place requiring governors to be named as 'link governors' attached to various subjects of the national curriculum, I consider it to be best practice if governing bodies do this and they are to be encouraged to do so. Anecdotal evidence suggests that many governing bodies already do this and have specific curriculum committees to discuss the national curriculum and its delivery within the school.

In this way the committee can monitor progress against targets set and the level of improvement in performance. Where these committees exist they are required by law to report back to the main governing body thus ensuring that all governors are familiar with the curriculum and the discussions that have taken place. It also opens up the opportunity for other governors to debate the matter at the full governing body meeting.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 7 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu ar Swyddogaeth Llywodraethwyr Ysgolion, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i sicrhau bod hyfforddiant priodol yn canolbwyntio ar gyrff llywodraethu penodol os nad yw'r rhwymedigaethau statudol yn cael eu cyflawni. (WAQ58335)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 7 of the Enterprise & Learning Committee's Report on the Role of School Governors, what steps have been taken by the Welsh Government to ensure that appropriate training is focused on particular governing bodies when statutory obligations are not being met. (WAQ58335)

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Leighton Andrews: Local authorities are responsible for managing school improvement through providing support, mentoring, challenging and intervention to the schools within its area. I have made it quite clear that I expect local authorities to provide support to governing bodies and their individual governors when schools start facing problems in meeting their statutory obligations. The Welsh

Government has also provided local authorities with a range of powers to intervene when a school and its governing body are having difficulty in meeting their obligations.

The first option for the local authorities when faced with a poorly performing school governing body is, depending on the issues faced by the school, to provide specific training for the governors.

The authority can also issue warning notices to governing bodies, which will set out what actions the local authority expects governing bodies to take to improve. If the school fails to secure satisfactory improvement, the local authority can appoint additional governors with specific skills and expertise to help the governing body. Local authorities also have the power to establish an interim executive board if previous intervention has not achieved improvements by the governing body.

My officials are currently developing guidance for local authorities and schools which will raise the profile and reinforce the powers of intervention and support that local authorities have to support weak schools and secure improvement.

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ58006, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau (a) sawl gwaith ac ar ba ddyddiadau y mae'r Grwp Adolygu Gwyddoniaeth TB mewn Gwartheg wedi cyfarfod, a (b) sawl gwaith y mae'r trefniadau ar gyfer cyfarfodydd wedi newid ers i'r grwp gyfarfod am y tro cyntaf. (WAQ58317)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to his answer to WAQ58006, will the Minister confirm (a) how many times and on what dates the Bovine TB Science Review Group has met, and (b) on how many occasions the schedule for meetings has been changed since the group first met. (WAQ58317)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 15 Tachwedd 2011
Answer received for publication on 15 November 2011

The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The Bovine TB Science Review Panel has met four times on 12 September; 23 September; 4 October and 28 October. The schedule for meetings has changed once, to allow one further meeting on the 11 November.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn ei ddatganiad i'r Cyfarfod Llawn ar 2 Tachwedd 2011, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau ar ba ddyddiad y mae'n disgwyl cael adroddiad y Grwp Adolygu Gwyddoniaeth TB mewn Gwartheg. (WAQ58318)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to his statement to plenary on 2nd November 2011, will the Minister confirm the indicative date on which he expects to receive the Bovine TB Science Review Group's report. (WAQ58318)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 15 Tachwedd 2011
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John Griffiths: I expect to receive the Bovine TB Science Review Group's report by the end of November 2011.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ58214, a wnaiff y Gweinidog (a) nodi'r gyllideb atodol berthnasol, (b) nodi ymhle mae'r refeniw hwn wedi'i gofnodi yng nghyfrifon Comisiwn Coedwigaeth Cymru, ac (c) egluro pa drethi sy'n berthnasol i'r refeniw hwn. (WAQ58320)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to his answer to WAQ58214, will the Minister (a) identify the relevant supplementary budget, (b) identify where this revenue is recorded in Forestry Commission Wales' accounts, and (c) clarify what taxes are applied to this revenue. (WAQ58320)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Tachwedd 2011
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John Griffiths: (a) The income received by the Forestry Commission from wind farm developments is brought to account in the final Supplementary Budget of each year, which is tabled before the financial year end. Last year, this income was included in the ambit for Rural Affairs.

(b) Last year's Forestry Commission income from the Wind Energy Programme is shown as part of the Renewable Energy total at Note 9 of the Forestry Commission Wales' Annual Accounts.

(c) No taxes are applied to this revenue.

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 1 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, a yw Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ymgorffori'r Model Gwella ar gyfer Iechyd Meddwl yng Nghymru yn ei pholisïau strategol ar gyfer iechyd meddwl a'r Fframwaith Strategol Cenedlaethol. (WAQ58293)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 1 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, has the Welsh Government incorporated the Recovery Model of Mental Health in Wales into its strategic mental health policies and the National Strategic Framework. (WAQ58293)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: The National Service Framework October 2005 stresses the importance of ensuring a holistic and integrated approach is adopted towards the support, care and treatment of people who use mental health services. A revised mental health strategic framework is currently being developed, which will incorporate a recovery model focus along with consideration for what this may mean in practice for mental health services across the life-course.

Guidance on the Care Programme Approach and Community Mental Health Teams was issued to Health Boards and Local Authorities in July 2010 which makes specific mention of the recovery model in its introduction.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 2 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, pa waith y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wneud i ledaenu arfer da wrth weithio gyda chymunedau pobl dduon a chymunedau lleiafrifoedd ethnig, ac a yw hyn wedi'i ymgorffori yn ei hadolygiadau o'r Cynlluniau Gweithredu Cydraddoldeb Hiliol. (WAQ58294)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 2 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, what work has been undertaken by the Welsh Government to disseminate good practice in working with BME communities, and has this been incorporated into its reviews of the Race Equality Action Plans. (WAQ58294)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government is working towards better solutions for BME individuals. The Equality Act requires public bodies, including Health Boards, to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.

I expect Health Boards to implement Strategic Equality Plans, including equality objectives which will be based on evidence of inequality across the protected characteristics for that Health Board. These will play a key part in ensuring the needs of minority and vulnerable groups are met in mental health services in Wales. The NHS Centre for Equality and Human Rights (CEHR) have provided training on the equality act to Health Boards and other health organisations.

We also provide funding for voluntary organisations working with BME communities across Wales to support work directed at this particular group.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 3 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ddarpariaeth Gwasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. (WAQ58295)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 3 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, will the Minister make a statement on the provision of Community Mental Health Services through the medium of Welsh. (WAQ58295)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
Answer received for publication on 10 November 2011

Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government is committed to strengthening Welsh language provision in key service areas such as health and social care where services should be delivered in the service user's language of choice/need wherever possible. A Ministerial Task Group identified mental health service users as a priority group which can be especially vulnerable, as their care and treatment may suffer if they do not receive treatment in their language of choice/need.

A Task and Finish Group was established to look at how Welsh language provision can be strengthened and ensure Welsh language issues are mainstreamed into Welsh Government Guidance, and will report back to me by the end of this year.

Regulations and Statutory Guidance issued under the Mental Health Wales Measure (2010) requires service providers to make every possible effort to provide services to patients in their language of need.

Development of the new Mental Health strategy will take into account advice of the task group and provide guidance to Health Boards to ensure Community mental health services are provided through the medium of Welsh.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 9 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu ffigurau am nifer y nyrsys iechyd meddwl cyfwerth ag amser llawn sy'n gweithio ym maes gofal sylfaenol, gan roi ffigurau ar gyfer pob un o'r pum mlynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ58296)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 9 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, will the Minister give figures for the number of FT/E mental health nurses working in primary care, giving figures for each of the last five financial years. (WAQ58296)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
Answer received for publication on 10 November 2011

Lesley Griffiths: This information is not held centrally.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 11 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, ac ymateb Llywodraeth Cymru, pa ganllawiau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cyhoeddi yn y maes hwn. (WAQ58297)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 11 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, and the Welsh Government's response, what guidance has been issued by the Welsh Government in this area. (WAQ58297)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
Answer received for publication on 10 November 2011

Lesley Griffiths: In July 2011, we issued Interim Policy Implementation Guidance and Standards on Community Mental Health Teams to Health Boards and Local Authorities, including on the provision of Crisis Resolution Home Treatment (CRHT) teams and assertive outreach.

We also released guidance for Health Boards in support of 2010-11 annual framework targets on improving CRHT services and reducing Delayed Transfers of Care.

Further guidance will be issued in line with the Mental Health (Wales) Measure Code of Practice, which is currently under consultation.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 12 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i alluogi defnydd ehangach o unedau bach lleol o welyau cymorth iechyd meddwl, yn arbennig mewn ardaloedd gwledig. (WAQ58298)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 12 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, what action has been taken by the Welsh Government to allow for the wider use of small local units of mental health support beds, particularly in rural areas. (WAQ58298)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
Answer received for publication on 10 November 2011

Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government is aware of the difficulties of delivering services in rural areas and the need for services to be tailored to meet local need. Health Boards, in partnership with local authorities and local stakeholders, must consider all options in designing services to meet locally assessed needs, including the use of small local units of mental health support beds which will allow short stays for people nearer to their homes, particularly in rural areas.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 16 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, pa ystyriaethau pellach sydd wedi'u rhoi i sefydlu gwasanaeth iechyd meddwl penodol ar gyfer pobl ifanc rhwng 17 a 25 oed. (WAQ58299)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 16 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, what further considerations have been given to the establishment of a mental health service specifically for young people aged 17-25. (WAQ58299)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: We recognise the issues for older adolescents in accessing services, and are developing appropriate policies which build on existing practice. CAMHS and Adult services need to work in a more co-ordinated way, to provide age appropriate provision.

Our Breaking the Barriers CAMHS Action Plan includes a commitment to extend the provision of services to 18 years from April 2012, supported with £700,000 of annual funding. We are also developing draft guidance on a joint approach to the provision of specialist mental health services for 16 and 17 year olds which will require CAMHS and Adult Services to be joined up in order to provide a seamless transition. It will focus on early identification of those likely to require transition and ongoing support into adulthood and early involvement of adult services as part of the care planning process and therapeutic provision, in partnership with the patient.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 26 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i sicrhau bod y sector gwirfoddol yn gallu chwarae rhan lawn yn y broses o gynllunio a darparu gwasanaethau iechyd meddwl cymunedol. (WAQ58300)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 26 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, what action has the Welsh Government taken to ensure that the voluntary sector is able to participate fully in the planning and provision of community mental health services. (WAQ58300)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: We value the role of the Third Sector. Many of these organisations are frequently consulted with the development and implementation of Welsh Government policy, and provide input into working groups. Our policy is explicit in that Third Sector organisations should form a part of local mental health strategic planning groups.

Each Health Board has a representative board member from the third sector, therefore, I would expect mental health matters to be high on the agenda for most meetings to ensure the Third Sector, and

importantly service users and their families, are fully engaged in the planning and provision of community services.

We continue to support Third Sector organisations which work on an all-Wales basis through grant aid, including core funding, and have regular meetings with the Wales Alliance for Mental Health and their constituent bodies. The partnership with Third Sector bodies has also expanded beyond mental health specific Third Sector organisations to include organisations focusing upon housing, employment, homelessness, etc.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 27 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Iechyd Meddwl Cymunedol, pa ystyriaeth sydd wedi'i rhoi i'r posibilrwydd y gallai Llywodraeth Cymru weithio gyda Llywodraeth y DU gyda'r bwriad o leihau'r defnydd a wneir o gelloedd yr heddlu i ddal pobl sy'n caele u harestio o dan Adran 136 o Deddf Iechyd Meddwl 1983. (WAQ58301)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 27 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Community Mental Health Services, what consideration has been given to the possibility of the Welsh Government working with the UK Government with the aim of reducing the use of police cells for people arrested under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983. (WAQ58301)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: The aim of reducing the use of police cells for individuals arrested under section 136 of the 1983 Act is fully supported by the Welsh Government and is reflected in the Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice for Wales, which sets out that only in exceptional cases would a police station be the most appropriate place for a person to be examined and assessed when place of safety powers are used.

The Welsh Government supports the National Policing Improvement Agency position that "using police officers and police facilities is not in an individual's interests when they need mental health services rather than criminal justice services." We also support the conclusions of the Independent Police Complaints Commission in that the "...future has to be one in which police cells are not commonly used to lock up people who need medical assistance."

Officials have engaged with the police and other key stakeholders in Wales to develop good practice guidance for the use of Sections 136 and 135 of the Mental Health Act 1983. This will be issued shortly and should reduce the use of police cells by reinforcing this position.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 3 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar ei Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Strôc yng Nghymru, a all y Gweinidog gadarnhau a yw Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu cyflwyno cofrestr genedlaethol o gleifion strôc yng Nghymru. (WAQ58302)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 3 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report of Inquiry into Stroke Services in Wales, can the Minister confirm whether the Welsh Government plans to introduce a national register of patients in Wales with Stroke. (WAQ58302)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: 100% of GP practices in Wales already have a register of patients who have suffered a stroke. The GP Quality and Outcomes Framework includes registers for stroke and transient ischaemic attack. There is also a register for hypertension which provides a valuable contribution to structuring preventive work. The Annual Operating Framework 2010/11 includes a requirement for Boards to review the provision of General Medical Services through a Primary Care Report. This will include an analysis of QOF registers and the provision of evidence based treatments.

We will look at the information technology requirements for improving access to this and other information on a national level.

Work is ongoing to improve the quality of the information held by the registers and explore how linkages can be made with other sources of data held elsewhere.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 15 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar yr Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Strôc yng Nghymru, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i roi mwy o ffocws ar y cyfnodau cymorth ac adsefydlu ar lwybr y claf dros y tymor hwy ac yn y gymuned. (WAQ58303)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 15 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report of Inquiry into Stroke Services in Wales, what action has the Welsh Government taken to increase the focus on the community and longer-term rehabilitation and support stages of the patient pathway. (WAQ58303)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: The planning and delivery of effective rehabilitation services for people who have suffered a stroke is a matter for Local Health Boards. The 1000 Lives Plus Programme is facilitating work to inform and support service planning and delivery for early rehabilitation and life after stroke.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 18 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar yr Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Strôc yng Nghymru, a all y Gweinidog gadarnhau fod gan bob Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol o leiaf un seicotherapydd neu seicolegydd clinigol sy'n gyfrifol am strôc. (WAQ58304)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 18 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report of Inquiry into Stroke Services in Wales, can the Minister confirm that each Local Health Board has a minimum of 1 clinical psychologist or psychotherapist with responsibility for stroke. (WAQ58304)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: It is for Local Health Boards and Trusts to assess their workforce skills and competencies, to provide services to meet patient need, including skill mix and appropriate access to specialist services.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 19 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar yr Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Strôc yng Nghymru, pa ddarpariaethau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u gwneud i gynyddu darpariaeth hyfforddiant ar gyfer gweithwyr proffesiynol sy'n ymwneud â gwasanaethau strôc. (WAQ58305)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 19 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report of Inquiry into Stroke Services in Wales, what provisions has the Welsh Government made to increase training provision for professionals engaged in stroke services. (WAQ58305)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: A two day training core module for multi professional teams has been developed and is being utilised. It is the responsibility of the Local Health Boards to ensure their staff are adequately prepared for their roles and have access to appropriate education and training.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 24 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar yr Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Strôc yng Nghymru, pa gynlluniau polisi y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u rhoi ar waith i godi ymwybyddiaeth o'r risg o strôc ymysg rhai grwpiau o bobl dduon a lleiafrifoedd ethnig. (WAQ58306)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 24 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report of Inquiry into Stroke Services in Wales, what policy initiatives have been implemented by the Welsh Government to raise awareness of stroke risk amongst certain BME groups. (WAQ58306)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: We delivered the 'Ask First' awareness raising campaign in partnership with the Stroke Association in March 2011. A series of events were held as part of the campaign, including specific black and minority ethnic (BME) engagement. The campaign demonstrates our commitment to helping people to understand the risks associated with stroke and where to seek help and advice in order to reduce their risk.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi ffigurau am nifer y Therapyddion Iaith a Lleferydd cyfwerth ag amser llawn a gyflogir gan GIG Cymru, gan roi ffigurau ar gyfer pob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ58307)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister give figures for the number of FT/E Speech and Learning Therapists employed by the Welsh NHS, giving figures for each of the last 5 years. (WAQ58307)

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Lesley Griffiths: Figures on the number of Speech and Language Therapists are available on the StatsWales site at:

www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=23270.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gynnydd y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wneud mewn cysylltiad ag argymhelliad 4 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar yr Ymchwiliad i Wasanaethau Strôc yng Nghymru. (WAQ58308)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What progress has the Welsh Government made with reference to recommendation 4 of the Health, Wellbeing & Local Government Committee's Report of Inquiry into Stroke Services in Wales. (WAQ58308)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Tachwedd 2011
Answer received for publication on 10 November 2011

Lesley Griffiths: The leadership arrangements set out in the Welsh Government's response to this recommendation continue to operate and come together through the AI Wales Stroke Delivery Group.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 1 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar Wasanaethau Cadeiriau Olwyn yng Nghymru, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i sefydlu manyleb gwasanaeth lawn, genedlaethol. (WAQ58309)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 1 of the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee's Report on Wheelchair Services in Wales, what steps has the Welsh Government taken to establish a full, national service specification. (WAQ58309)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: I refer you to my answer to WAQ58253.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 2 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar Wasanaethau Cadeiriau Olwyn, a yw Llywodraeth Cymru wedi llunio cynllun strategol cynhwysfawr i roi cyfeiriad i'r gwasanaeth cadeiriau olwyn yng Nghymru dros y blynyddoedd nesaf. (WAQ58310)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 2 of the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee's Report on Wheelchair Services in Wales, has the Welsh Government drawn up a comprehensive strategic plan to give direction to the wheelchair service in Wales in the coming years. (WAQ58310)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Tachwedd 2011
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Lesley Griffiths: I refer you to my answer to WAQ58254.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 8 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar Wasanaethau Cadeiriau Olwyn, a yw'r Bwrdd Prosiect, a sefydlwyd i ymchwilio i wasanaethau cadeiriau olwyn yng Nghymru, wedi cyhoeddi strategaeth gyfathrebu i amlinellu sut y bydd yn cyfathrebu'n well â defnyddwyr gwasanaeth a rhanddeiliaid. (WAQ58311)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 8 of the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee's Report on Wheelchair Services in Wales, has the Project Board, established to look into wheelchair services in Wales, published a communication strategy to outline how it will improve communication with service users and stakeholders. (WAQ58311)

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Lesley Griffiths: The development of wheelchair services in Wales is overseen by the All Wales Posture and Mobility Partnership Board and led by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee. The communication strategy is currently being worked on as part of the service user engagement workstream developed as part of implementation of the Phase 2 review.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 11 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar Wasanaethau Cadeiriau Olwyn yng Nghymru, pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o'r mesurau sydd eu hangen i gynnal amseroedd aros gwell ac, yn benodol, i roi sylw i'r rhestrau aros sy'n ôl-gronni yn y Gogledd. (WAQ58312)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 11 of the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee's Report on Wheelchair Services in Wales, what assessment has the Minister made of the measures required to sustain improved waiting times and, in particular, to address waiting list backlogs in North Wales. (WAQ58312)

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Lesley Griffiths: I refer you to my answer to WAQ58255.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at argymhelliad 13 Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Iechyd, Lles a Llywodraeth Leol ar Wasanaethau Cadeiriau Olwyn yng Nghymru, pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cymryd i symleiddio'r broses atgyfeirio, a pha ystyriaethau sydd wedi'u rhoi i ddatblygu adnoddau ar-lein perthnasol. (WAQ58313)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With reference to recommendation 13 of the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee's Report on Wheelchair Services in Wales, what steps has the Welsh Government taken to streamline the referrals process, and what considerations have been given to developing relevant online resources. (WAQ58313)

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Lesley Griffiths: I refer you to my answer to WAQ58256.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu ffigurau am nifer y therapyddion cymunedol sydd wedi cael eu hyfforddi i gynnal Asesiadau Lefel 3, gan roi ffigurau ar gyfer y pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ58314)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide figures for the number of community therapists trained to undertake Level 3 Assessments, giving figures for the last 5 years. (WAQ58314)

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Lesley Griffiths: This information is not held centrally.

David Melding (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu manylion am ganran y gweithwyr gofal iechyd sydd wedi dewis cael y brechlyn fflw ym mhob Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol. (WAQ58315)

David Melding (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail the percentage of flu vaccine taken up by health care workers in each Local Health Board. (WAQ58315)

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Lesley Griffiths: Public Health Wales is responsible for collecting data on the uptake of flu vaccination for healthcare workers. Data is being collected monthly from Health Boards. The first set of figures for this season covering October 2011 is due to be made available by the week commencing 14 November.

David Melding (Canol De Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wneud o'r achos dros frechu plant o dan bump oed rhag rotafeirws. (WAQ58316)

David Melding (South Wales Central): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the case to vaccinate under 5's against rotavirus. (WAQ58316)

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Lesley Griffiths: In February 2009, the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) recommended the introduction of a rotavirus vaccine provided that it could be delivered at a cost effective price.

Wales is under no obligation to instigate vaccination programmes in response to JCVI recommendations but it is normal practice to do so, along with the other UK countries, to ensure UK coverage against the specified disease.

The Department of Health negotiates with vaccine manufacturers and marketing companies on behalf of the four UK countries on the procurement of vaccines.

My officials are liaising with the Department of Health on possible options for obtaining a supply of rotavirus vaccine for the UK at a cost effective price. When these investigations are complete, a decision will be taken on implementing a vaccination programme for rotavirus in Wales in line with what is proposed in the other parts of the UK.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau beth yw polisi GIG Cymru o ran dychwelyd eiddo ysbyty, gan gyfeirio'n benodol at ddiillad a dillad gwely. (WAQ58336)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm what Welsh NHS policy is in relation to the return of hospital property, with particular reference to bedding and clothing. (WAQ58336)

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Lesley Griffiths: There is no national policy in relation to the return of Welsh NHS hospital property. However, all NHS organisations should have appropriate policies and procedures in place for the efficient return of such property.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pa bryd y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu cyflwyno'r Papur Gwyn ar roi organau. (WAQ58337)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm when the Welsh Government plans to bring forward the White Paper on organ donation. (WAQ58337)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Organ and Tissue Donation White Paper setting out our proposals for legislation was launched for consultation on Monday 7 November 2011.

Gofyn i Gomisiwn y Cynulliad
To ask the Assembly Commission

Mick Antoniwi (Pontypridd): A wnaiff y Comisiwn amlinellu'r rheolau a'r gweithdrefnau y mae'n rhaid i Aelodau'r Cynulliad lynu wrthynt wrth wahodd gwyr a gwragedd pwysig a Llysgenhadon o dramor i'r Cynulliad a'u diddanu. (WAQ58338)

Mick Antoniwi (Pontypridd): Will the Commission outline the rules and procedures Assembly Members are required to adhere to with regard to the invitation and entertainment of overseas Ambassadors and other dignitaries to the Assembly. (WAQ58338)

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Assembly Commissioner (Rhodri Glyn Thomas): There are no specific rules relating to the invitation and entertainment of Ambassadors or other dignitaries to the Assembly estate by Members. However, we have established ways of working and a number of protocols which we follow. For example, when notified of a proposed VIP visit, the Assembly Commission's dedicated International Relations team work with the Assembly's Security and Front of House teams, and with the Police, to ensure that visitors receive an appropriate welcome onto the estate. They are also able to advise on protocol issues, for example, the flying of specific flags during visits, or whether any particular security arrangements might be required.

The International Relations Team is able to advise and assist Members on all matters relevant to diplomatic and inter-parliamentary visits, to ensure a professional and appropriate experience for visitors to the Assembly. If they are informed in advance of a visit, they will assist with setting up all the necessary arrangements, including any appropriate special arrangements for security. Details of the team, including contact details, are:

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