

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 6 Tachwedd 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 6 November 2012

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Faint o Gynghorwyr Arbennig a gyflogir yn yr Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau. (WAQ61486)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): How many Special Advisers are employed in the Local Government & Communities Department. (WAQ61486)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): None. The Welsh Government currently employs 7 Special Advisers who work across portfolios.

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

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Dwyrain Caerfyrddin a Dinefwr): Ar gyfer pob un o'r pedair blynedd calendr diwethaf, a 2012 hyd yn hyn, a wnaiff y Gweinidog restru, fesul awdurdod lleol, nifer y ceisiadau cynllunio:

- a) sydd wedi cael eu galw i mewn gan Weinidogion Cymru; a
- b) sy'n destun cais galw i mewn. (WAQ61488)

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): For each of the last four calendar years, and 2012 to date, will the Minister list the number of planning applications, per planning authority, which have been:

- a) called-in by Welsh Ministers; and
- b) subject to a call-in request. (WAQ61488)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Tachwedd 2012
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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): Attached are tables by financial year indicating the number of applications for planning permission which have been subject to call-in requests (Table 1) and the number of applications that have been called in to date (Table 2). Table 1 shows the applications referred to the Welsh Ministers by local planning authorities including under the provisions of the Shopping Direction and the Departure Direction. Those Directions provided the Welsh Ministers with the opportunity to consider whether they warranted call in.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty
To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House***

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Sawl gwaith y cyfarfu swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru ag AWEMA yn ystod y chwe mis yn dilyn yr adroddiadau ar AWEMA yn 2002 a 2004, ac yn dilyn pryderon a godwyd gan y Cadeirydd bryd hynny yn 2007. (WAQ61489)

Peter Black (South Wales West): How many times did Welsh Government officials meet with AWEMA in the six months following each of the reports into AWEMA in 2002 and 2004, and following concerns raised by the then Chair in 2007. (WAQ61489)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): The Wales Audit Office's report gives a full account of relevant events, based on their study of all relevant registered files. The Equalities Unit held a quarterly monitoring meeting with AWEMA on 31 March 2003 before the 2002 report was shared with AWEMA in April 2003.

Officials also met AWEMA on 8 December 2004 and had a series of meetings between December 2004 and February 2005.

In the period that followed concerns being raised in 2007, Equalities Unit officials met AWEMA representatives on 19 July 2007.

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

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Beth oedd yr amseroedd aros cyfartalog ar gyfer triniaeth IVF ym mhob Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol yn ystod pob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf ar gyfer a) y cylch cyntaf; a b) yr ail gylch (os yw'n berthnasol). (WAQ61479)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What were the average waiting times for IVF treatment for each LHB in each of the last five years for a) the first cycle; and b) the second cycle (if applicable). (WAQ61479)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): Responsibility for planning and delivering specialised fertility treatments lies with Health Boards and is planned centrally by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC).

WHSSC does not hold information on IVF treatment waiting times for each Health Board. Monitoring of IVF waiting times are outside the NHS Wales Annual Operating Framework 2012/13 for clinical reasons.

However, all patients referred for a first outpatient appointment should be seen within the national target and if the patients are suitable for IVF, treated at one year following referral.

Waiting times at each IVF treatment provider should be in line with WHSSC's "Service Specification for the Provision of Specialist Fertility Services for Welsh residents".

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Faint o gyplau sydd wedi cael eu cyfeirio ar gyfer triniaeth IVF o bob Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol ym mhob blwyddyn er 2007. (WAQ61480)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): How many couples have been referred for IVF treatment from each LHB in each year since 2007. (WAQ61480)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 12 Tachwedd 2012
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Lesley Griffiths: Responsibility for planning and delivering specialised fertility treatments lies with Health Boards and is planned centrally by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC).

WHSSC does not hold information on the number of referrals for IVF treatment from each Health Board. However the following table provides information on the number of patients who underwent treatment in each of the service providers where WHSSC had a contract:

IVF contracted provider	Location	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10*	2010-11	2011-12
IVF Wales	Cardiff	270	256	270	302	452	319
London Women's Clinic	Swansea	106	82	120	117	245	190
Shropshire and Mid Wales Fertility Centre	Shrewsbury	31	85	30	36	81	84
Hewitt Centre for Reproductive Medicine	Liverpool	135	133	95	86	142	129
Total		542	556	515	541	920	722

**Please note that the information provided in 2009-10 is an estimated number as we did not obtain activity information in the last month of the financial year from providers.*

In line with the "Service Specification for the Provision of Specialist Fertility Services for Welsh Residents" WHSSC also receives individual patient funding requests for exceptional cases. There are therefore a small proportion of patients each year that are approved and treated in other IVF providers in England.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Faint o gyplau sydd wedi cael eu cyfeirio ar gyfer triniaeth IVF yn Lloegr y mae GIG Cymru yn talu amdani ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ61481)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): How many couples have been referred for IVF treatment in England on the Welsh NHS in each of the last five years. (WAQ61481)

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Lesley Griffiths: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

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Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Sawl cylch o IVF a gyllidwyd gan Fyrddau Iechyd Lleol ym mhob blwyddyn er 2007. (WAQ61482)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): How many cycles of IVF were funded by LHBs in each year since 2007. (WAQ61482)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Tachwedd 2012
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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): Responsibility for planning and delivering specialised fertility treatments lies with Health Boards and is planned centrally by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC).

WHSSC does not hold information on the number of cycles funded by Health Boards. However, the following table provides information on the number of cycles funded in each of the service providers where WHSSC has, or had a contract:

IVF contracted provider	Location	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
IVF Wales	Cardiff	270	256	270	302	452	319	415
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board	Neath Port Talbot							156*
North Bristol NHS Trust	Bristol							150^
London Women's Clinic	Swansea	106	82	120	117	245	190	0
Shropshire and Mid Wales Fertility Centre	Shrewsbury	31	85	30	36	81	84	80
Hewitt Centre for Reproductive Medicine	Liverpool	135	133	95	86	142	129	146
Total		542	556	515	541	920	722	947

*A proportion of the treatment for 60 of these cycles are being sub-commissioned from North Bristol NHS Trust

^ These patients have been referred from IVF Wales.

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am gynnydd pob un o'r 22 awdurdod lleol yng Nghymru o ran cynnal arolwg o gynghorwyr ac ymgeiswyr aflwyddiannus yn dilyn etholiadau llywodraeth leol mis Mai, o dan delerau Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2011. (WAQ61483)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of each of Wales's 22 local authorities in conducting a survey of councillors and unsuccessful candidates following May's local government election, under the terms of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. (WAQ61483)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 05 Tachwedd 2012

Answer received for publication on 05 November 2012

The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 placed a duty on local authorities to conduct a survey of elected councillors and candidates who stood for election to principal councils and town and community councils in May 2012. Local authorities had six months from the date of the election in which to provide the information collected to the Welsh Government. That six months deadline has just ended. The Welsh Government will now analyse the data and will publish the results within the statutory deadline of twelve months from the date of the election to which the information refers.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa asesiad a wnaed o effeithiolrwydd y gwerth £54 miliwn o gyllid a ddarparwyd i Awdurdodau Lleol rhwng 2005-06 a 2007-08 er mwyn rhoi'r broses cyflog statws sengl ar waith. (WAQ61484)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What assessment has been made of the effectiveness of the £54 million worth of funding provided to Local Authorities between 2005/06 and 2007/08 in order to implement the single status pay process. (WAQ61484)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Tachwedd 2012
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Carl Sargeant: Between 2005-06 and 2007-08 the funding was increased such that £54 million was built into the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) for 2007-08 and future years to recognise the additional cost pressures faced by authorities in implementing job evaluation and single status agreements. In providing this additional funding, Welsh Government is supporting authorities to implement single status arrangements. The funding is not separately ring fenced and it is a matter for each authority to determine how the funding is spent in implementing the single status arrangements. Where authorities are still in the process of implementing single status, I encourage them to bring the process to a conclusion as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Faint o'r staff a gyflogir yn yr Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau sy'n cael eu cyflogi ar fandiau cyflog rheolwyr. (WAQ61485)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): How many staff employed in the Local Government & Communities Department are employed on managerial pay-bands. (WAQ61485)

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Carl Sargeant: Staffing matters are dealt with by the Permanent Secretary and I have asked him to respond to you directly.

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Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o faint o staff yn yr Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau sy'n cael amser o'r gwaith i gyflawni gweithgareddau/dyletswyddau sy'n ymwneud ag Undebau Llafur. (WAQ61487)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of how many staff in the Local Government & Communities Department are given time-off to undertake Trade Union related activities/duties. (WAQ61487)

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