

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 20 Mawrth 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 20 March 2012

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

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ58290, pa bryd y bydd y Prif Weinidog yn gwneud cyhoeddiad ar newid rheoliadau'r Cerdyn Bws Cydymaith. (WAQ59948)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Further to his answer to WAQ58290, when will the First Minister make an announcement on changing the Companion Bus Pass regulations. (WAQ59948)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 22 Mawrth 2012
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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): We have completed the assessment of changing the companion bus pass regulations. The Minister for Local Government and Communities will write to you separately about this.

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

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn gwella golwg tir diffaith yng Nghymru. (WAQ59949)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on how the Welsh Government is improving the appearance of derelict land in Wales. (WAQ59949)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): I am in the process of considering the focus of future Welsh Government activity on the reclamation of derelict land. Planning Policy Wales also provides for the reuse of derelict land through the adoption of a preference for development of brownfield land where appropriate, thus delivering improvements in the appearance of such land.

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

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am gymorth i bobl ifanc ddiartref. (WAQ59946)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on support for young homeless people. (WAQ59946)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 22 Mawrth 2012
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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): The Welsh Government is committed to combating homelessness and its impact on all people as set out in our Ten Year Homelessness Plan, which recognises the vulnerability of young people and their need for support. This year, the Welsh Government has invested £7.3 million on Homelessness Grant and £139.2 million on Supporting People funding.

The Supporting People programme is focussed on the prevention of homelessness and helping people who are establishing their independence following a period of homelessness, including young people. Examples of the types of support provided include tenancy and independent living skills, managing personal finances, engaging with health and substance misuse services, addressing behavioural issues and connecting with training and employment opportunities.

We are now developing a new framework for implementing Supporting People which provides for better strategic planning at local, regional and national level, with a stronger focus on outcomes. This will enable improved application of this funding to support homeless young people.

I will be bringing forward proposals for legislation on homelessness in our Housing Bill. We are also supporting young people through our Homelessness Grant programme, including a range of projects which help them move away from rough sleeping and into settled accommodation.

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ceisio atal pobl ifanc rhag mynd yn ddiartref. (WAQ59947)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): How is the Welsh Government seeking to prevent young people from becoming homeless. (WAQ59947)

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Huw Lewis: Our Ten Year Homelessness Plan sets out our long term direction for preventing homelessness, and places a priority on helping young people avoid homelessness.

We are implementing this plan through funding, guidance, promoting good practice and legislation. The foundation for prevention is housing advice, and we are providing £900,000 to fund a network of housing advice services which helps many young people. We are funding the Shelter Cymru youth homelessness education service, which promotes learning in schools and other youth settings. A film we funded on youth homelessness was recently shown on BBC, and is being distributed with a teaching pack to schools.

Our Homelessness Grant programme funds a wide range of other youth projects, including family mediation services which help young people to reconnect with families, and short term provision such as shelters and respite housing. We have issued guidance for local authority social services and housing on joint working to prevent youth homelessness, and we are now providing support for local authorities to implement this guidance.

Vulnerable young people are already protected by homelessness legislation. We are reviewing current homelessness legislation and aim to introduce changes which strengthen the focus on prevention.

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

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa bryd y mae'r Gweinidog yn disgwyl cyhoeddi'r cynigion terfynol ar gyfer newid ffiniau Ynys Môn. (WAQ59945)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): When does the Minister expect to publish the final proposals for the boundary changes for Ynys Mon. (WAQ59945)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales anticipates publishing its final proposals in respect of the review of electoral arrangements for the Isle of Anglesey during April 2012.