

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 27 Medi 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 27 September 2011

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

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A oes gan y Prif Weinidog unrhyw gynlluniau i symud y cyfrifoldeb dros adsefydlu oherwydd cyffuriau ac alcohol oddi wrth y Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol. (WAQ58039)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Does the First Minister have any plans to move responsibility for drug and alcohol rehabilitation from the Minister for Local Government and Communities to the Minister for Health and Social Services. (WAQ58039)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): I have no plans to move responsibility for drug and alcohol rehabilitation from the Minister for Local Government and Communities to the Minister for Health and Social Services.

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

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Pa sefydliadau yn benodol y cynhaliodd y Gweinidog drafodaethau â nhw ynghylch penderfynu pa ardaloedd ddylai fod yn barthau menter. (WAQ58040)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What organisations specifically did the Minister have discussions with regarding the determination of which areas should be enterprise zones. (WAQ58040)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): I have held discussions with numerous organisations during the course of ministerial business since taking office in May.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Pa feini prawf ddefnyddiodd y Gweinidog i benderfynu pa ardaloedd ddylai fod yn barthau menter. (WAQ58041)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What criteria did the Minister use for the determination of which areas should be enterprise zones. (WAQ58041)

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Edwina Hart: I considered a number of criteria including site readiness; alignment with our priorities; sector based growth potential and the relative strengths of each location including the availability of quality transport and communication links.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Pa ddadansoddiad a gynhaliodd y Gweinidog i benderfynu pa ardaloedd ddylai fod yn barthau menter. (WAQ58042)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What analysis did the Minister undertake to determine which areas should be enterprise zones. (WAQ58042)

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Edwina Hart: I refer you to my answer to WAQ 58041.

Bethan Jenkins (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu ffigurau ar wahân ar gyfer nifer y staff a gyflogir yn ei hadran sydd mewn swyddfeydd yn Llundain ac Efrog Newydd, ynghyd â disgrifiad o natur y gwaith a wneir gan bob swyddfa a sut penderfynir ar y lefelau staffio ym mhob lleoliad. (WAQ58044)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide separate figures for numbers of staff employed in her department that are based in offices in both London and New York, together with a description of the nature of the work carried out by each office and how the staffing levels in each location is determined. (WAQ58044)

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Edwina Hart: I have asked the Permanent Secretary, who is responsible for staffing matters to write to you.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau ***To ask the Minister for Education and Skills***

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Faint o blant yn gadael gofal a gyflawnodd 5 gradd A*-C gan gynnwys Saesneg/Cymraeg Iaith Gyntaf, Mathemateg a Gwyddoniaeth (Lefel 2 yn y pynciau craidd). (WAQ58043)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): How many children leaving care achieved 5A*-C grades including English/Welsh First Language, Maths and Science (Level 2 in the core subjects). (WAQ58043)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): The number of care leavers whose subjects included the core subjects is not available.

There were 59 care leavers aged 16 or over who left care in the year to 31 March 2011 with 5 or more GCSEs at grade A* to C of any subject, 10 per cent of the total of 562 who left care in that year. Results were unavailable for 76 of the 562 care leavers because they were due to sit examinations later after leaving care or were unable to sit examinations due to an illness or disability. Allowing for unavailable

results, 12 per cent of the care leavers whose results were known achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade A* to C.

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): Beth yw swyddogaethau a rolau'r pedwar consortiwm addysg ar hyn o bryd a pha swyddogaethau ychwanegol y bydd y Gweinidog yn eu rhoi iddynt yn y dyfodol. (WAQ58045)

Peter Black (South Wales West): What are the current functions and roles of the four education consortia and what additional functions will the Minister assign to them in the future. (WAQ58045)

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Leighton Andrews: The current education consortium model was developed by ADEW and the WLGA in 2003 as part of a collaborative approach to performance management and teachers' threshold pay. In March 2011, we were given assurances by all 22 local authority leaders that education was their number one priority and they agreed a radical overhaul was needed to address the systemic failure in education. The evidence all points to regional partnership working as the answer – and the political commitment given by all 22 local authorities is that four school improvement regional partnerships will be in place by September 2012. This is in line with our 20 point action plan to drive up education standards in Wales. Furthermore the Report on the Structure of Education Services in Wales identified that 22 local education authorities are too fragmented, too variable in capability to deliver improving standards, in many cases below critical mass to be cost effective.

By September 2012 I expect school improvement services to be delivered by consortia and I will be testing local government to check if it has made good on its promise along the following lines:

- Have education standards gone up?
- Are education services coherent with other services?
- Are LAs cost effective? Have they delegated 85% of funding to schools?
- Is change irreversible? Have milestones been met? Sufficient progress made?

Once school improvement services are delivered on a regional basis, I then expect the full range of education services to quickly follow suit.

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

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r prif dargedau yn y portffolio Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy a'r cynnydd sydd wedi cael ei wneud hyd yn hyn tuag at gyrraedd y targedau hyn. (WAQ58046)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister outline the key targets within the Environment and Sustainable Development portfolio and the current progress made towards reaching these targets. (WAQ58046)

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The Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths):

Levels of greenhouse gas emissions

I will be working with our partners to implement the Emission Reduction Delivery Plan. The emission reduction plan was launched alongside the Climate Change Strategy in 2010 and I will be regularly reviewing the package of emission reduction measures as well as reporting to the National Assembly annually on the delivery of the Climate Change Strategy.

Electricity consumed that is generated from renewable sources

The Welsh Government is committed to increasing the amount of renewable energy generated in Wales and to take full advantage of the significant investment projected for Wales.

As well as increasing the amount of renewable energy generated I would be hoping to see the total amount of energy use decreasing as homes are made more energy efficient and behaviour changes. The general trend is downwards for both gas and electricity with a 16.6% reduction in gas use since 2005 and a 5.3% reduction in electricity since 2005.

Municipal waste recycled or composted

Local authority collected waste is continuing to decrease each year, exceeding the waste reduction target. The local authority recycling rate for 2010-11 was 43.6%. We are on target to meet the statutory intermediary 52% recycling target set for local authorities for 2012-13.

We are also looking at the industry as a whole and measuring the recycling performance of other sectors. The next survey is due for 2013 and I will be reporting on progress in 2014.

Habitats and species that are stable or improving

As part of our approach to supporting healthy eco systems we launched the Natural Environment Framework, 'A Living Wales' that looked at all the benefits a better and more integrated management of our environment could bring.

Post consultation we are developing a draft Green Paper in collaboration with departments across the Welsh Government and members of the programme board (including CCW, FCW and EAW directors and non-executive members).

We intend to launch the Green Paper at a Sustainable Wales event during November 2011. The Green Paper will outline how we aim to deliver our manifesto commitments on the natural environment.

Quality of the water environment - achieving good ecological status

There has been a steady increase in the quality of the water environment. The combined classification exercise completed in September 2009, reported that 33.3% of water bodies across Wales achieved 'good status' under the Water Framework Directive classifications.

Our River Basin Management Plans will collectively aim to increase the percentage of water bodies achieving good status from 33.3% to 41.4% (compared to 27.9% to 31.4% in England). In addition to this, the Environment Agency has set themselves an additional target of increasing ambition levels by a further 2% across each river basin district.

Amount of gas and electricity used in homes each year

In 2009 16586 GWh was used by households in Wales. We would be hoping to see the total amount of energy use decreasing as homes are made more energy efficient and behaviour changes. The general trend

is downwards for both gas and electricity with a 16.6% reduction in gas use since 2005 and a 5.3% reduction in electricity since 2005.

Homes at risk of flooding and protected from flooding

Currently 357,000 properties in Wales are at risk of flooding from rivers, the sea or surface water. That equates to one in six properties.

We would be looking to see a reduction in flood risk for 10% of those properties and a reduction of 20% as a future aspiration. Currently, work is underway to significantly increase the number of households aware of and prepared for the risk from flooding.

Water supplies that meet drinking water quality standards

The Chief Drinking Water Inspector's annual report for 2010 showed that 99.96% of tests met with all the standards for public water supplies. The report, for the first time, also reported on the quality of private water supplies and indicated that one in four was of poor quality. The Welsh Government is looking for 99% compliance with public supplies and an improvement in compliance for private supplies.

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

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa bwerau cyfarwyddyd sydd gan y Gweinidog dros Fyrddau Iechyd Lleol. (WAQ58047)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What powers of direction does the Minister have over Local Health Boards. (WAQ58047)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): Welsh Ministers have the power to direct Local Health Boards (LHBs) by virtue of section 12 of the National Health Service Act 2006.

Section 12(1) enables the Welsh Ministers to direct LHBs to exercise in relation to its areas (a) functions which were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the Health Authorities (Transfer of Functions, Staff, Property Rights and Liabilities and Abolition)(Wales) Order 2003 (SI2003/813) and (b) such other of their functions relating to the health service as are specified in the direction.

Section 12(3) also enables Welsh Ministers to give directions to a Local Health Board about its exercise of any functions.