

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 22 Hydref 2013
Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 22 October 2013

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***Gofyn i Weinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth
To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport***

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Yn yr ateb i WAQ65632/3 rydych yn nodi bod chwe bws wedi'u darparu i Stagecoach ym mis Mawrth 2012. Mewn ateb Rhyddid Gwybodaeth gan eich adran cyf ATISN7672 mae eich swyddogion yn nodi bod y bysiau wedi'u darparu ym mis Medi 2012. Pa ddyddiad sy'n gywir? (WAQ65673)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): In the answer to WAQ65632/3 you state that six buses were delivered and deployed to Stagecoach in March 2012, in a Freedom of Information answer from your department ref ATISN7672 your officials state that the buses were delivered in September 2012. Which date is correct? (WAQ65673)

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The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): The FOI you refer to is associated with the T9 Cardiff express service. The six buses used on this service were delivered in September 2012. The six buses for use on the TrawsCymru T4 service were delivered by March 2012.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio at WAQ65632/3 a allwch amlinellu lle y cadwyd y chwe bws a ddarparwyd i First Cymru ym mis Gorffennaf 2013 ar gyfer llwybr T9 ar ôl eu darparu i Lywodraeth Cymru ym mis Medi 2012 fel y nodwyd yn y cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth cyf ATISN7672? (WAQ65674)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): With reference to WAQ65632/3 please could you outline where the six buses delivered to First Cymru in July 2013 for the T9 route were kept following their delivery to the Welsh Government in September 2012 as mentioned in Freedom of Information request ref ATISN7672? (WAQ65674)

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Edwina Hart: These buses were stored by Powys County Council on behalf of Welsh Government.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Ar ba ddyddiad y cafodd y bws cyntaf a brynwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru ei ddefnyddio at ddefnydd teithwyr ar lwybr bws T4? (WAQ65675)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): On what date did the first bus purchased by the Welsh Government enter service for passenger use on the T4 bus route? (WAQ65675)

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Edwina Hart: The first bus on the T4 route entered service on 1 March 2013.

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn WAQ65054, a all y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod yr adolygiad blaenoriaeth o ysgolion Band 4 a 5 sy'n cael ei gynnal gan yr Is-adran Safonau Ysgolion a Chyflawni wedi'i gwblhau ac, os felly, pryd y bydd y canlyniadau'n cael eu cyhoeddi? (WAQ65668)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Further to WAQ65054, can the Minister confirm that the priority review of Band 4 and 5 schools being undertaken by the School Standards Delivery Division has been completed, and if so, when the results will be published? (WAQ65668)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Huw Lewis): This priority review has been completed and the results were published on the Welsh Government website on 4th September 2013. The outcomes from the review can be accessed at <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/reports/review-schools-that-have-improved/?lang=en>.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ddata y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu defnyddio i asesu pa mor gyson y mae'r Cynnod Sylfaen yn cael ei roi ar waith ledled Cymru? (WAQ65669)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What data is the Minister using to assess how consistently the Foundation Phase is being run across Wales? (WAQ65669)

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Huw Lewis: The Welsh Government uses a range of data to assess how the Foundation Phase is being implemented. These include teacher assessment and the results on the national reading and numeracy tests as set out below at the end of the Foundation Phase; and Estyn inspection information. In addition, in July 2011 we commissioned an independent evaluation to examine the implementation and impact of the Foundation Phase. The study is being led by the Welsh Institute of Social and Economic Research (WISERD) and is due to end in 2014. The study will analyse data from a combination of surveys (sample of approximately 600), interviews (approximately 300) and classroom observations (approximately 130). Results will be published on the Welsh Government's webpages.

Following preliminary findings from the Evaluation in June 2013, I asked Professor Iram Siraj-Blatchford from the Institute of Education at the University of London to undertake a stocktake of how the Foundation Phase is being implemented in Wales and make recommendations about how it can be strengthened in the future. The stocktake began in September 2013 and will be completed by the end of March 2014.

Results from the National Reading and Numeracy Tests, which start at the end of the Foundation Phase will provide a common source of information for schools in assessing learners' reading and numeracy skills at this crucial early point.

In relation to on-entry assessment to the Foundation Phase, the Welsh Government is currently developing a new assessment tool which can be used to provide a baseline for children when they enter the Foundation Phase and to track their progress through to the end of Phase teacher assessment. The new assessment tool will be rolled out nationally from September 2014 and will bring consistency to these assessment arrangements. In the meantime, a variety of assessment tools are being used by schools and settings to provide a baseline.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A all y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod adolygiad ar y gweill o'r system sgorio bandio ysgolion, ac a all hefyd roi gwybod ar ba ddyddiad y mae'n disgwyl cyhoeddi canlyniadau'r adolygiad hwnnw? (WAQ65670)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Can the Minister confirm that a review of the school banding scoring system is now under way and also give the date that he expects to be publishing the results of that review? (WAQ65670)

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Huw Lewis: The model used to calculate bands will be reviewed periodically. This will help ensure it continues to reflect the main priorities for education in Wales, and is responsive to changes in education, for example taking the recommendations of the Review of Qualifications on school performance measures into account.

The methodology has remained the same for the first three years of banding for comparability and consistency, and is due to be reviewed following the publication of the bands in December 2013. Officials from the Welsh Government will work with stakeholders early next year to ensure that the model takes account of the learning needs of all pupils in Wales.

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn WAQ65639, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pryd y gwnaeth y grwp arbenigol i ystyried llawdriniaeth gosmetig gyfarfod ddiwethaf, a pha amserlenni sydd yn eu lle i dderbyn eu hadroddiad? (WAQ65671)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Further to WAQ65639, will the Minister confirm when the expert group considering cosmetic surgery last met, and what timescales are in place for receipt of their report? (WAQ65671)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): I can confirm that the group last met on 10 July 2013. The group have finished their review and have advised that they support all of the report's recommendations in principle.

The group will now work closely with Healthcare Inspectorate Wales, devolved administrations, professional bodies and other key stakeholders to implement Sir Bruce Keogh's report.

I have asked the group to keep me informed of their progress.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn WAQ65385, a wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am gynlluniau gweithredu'r byrddau iechyd yr oedd yn eu disgwyl erbyn diwedd mis Medi 2013? (WAQ65676)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to WAQ65385, will the Minister provide an update on the health board implementation plans that he was expecting by the end of September 2013? (WAQ65676)

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Mark Drakeford: A number of health board implementation plans have been received. Public Health Wales is supporting health boards through this process and has arranged meetings with those health boards who have yet to submit plans. The implementation of this screening test is still scheduled to commence in the first half of 2014.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth
To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Ers mis Mehefin 2013, pa waith sydd wedi ei wneud gan swyddogion y Gweinidog i gyflwyno rheoliadau a fydd yn gweithredu'r Mesur Meysydd Chwarae, a gafodd Gymeradwyaeth Frenhinol yn 2010? (WAQ65672)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Since June 2013, what work has been undertaken by the Minister's officials to bring forward regulations which will give effect to the Playing Fields Measure, which was given Royal Approval in 2010? (WAQ65672)

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The Minister for Local Government and Government Business (Lesley Griffiths): My officials are working on the draft regulations and supporting statutory guidance needed to give effect to the Measure. Subject to my consideration of these documents, I anticipate that formal consultation will commence by the end of January 2014.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyfoeth Naturiol a Bwyd
To ask the Minister for Natural Resources and Food

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa sylwadau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu gwneud i Lywodraeth y DU ynghylch sicrhau mwy o reoleiddio olew i fynd i'r afael â'r risg o dlodi tanwydd? (WAQ65677)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What representations has the Minister made to the UK Government on ensuring a greater regulation of oil to tackle the risk of fuel poverty? (WAQ65677)

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The Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Alun Davies): The operation of effective markets has been a key priority of Welsh Government discussions and correspondence with the UK Government during the development of the Energy Bill to ensure Welsh consumers receive a fair deal. I have not made any representations to the UK Government specifically on greater regulation of the oil industry. I am exploring what additional action we can take to help households in Wales who are not on the mains gas network and who are dependant upon oil.