Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 19 Hydref 2011 Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 19 October 2011

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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 yr ateb i WAQ58080, ac yn benodol y wybodaeth ynghylch presenoldeb Safle o Ddiddordeb Gwyddonol Arbennigar dir comin, a wnaiff y Gweinidog egluro i) beth fyddai'n arwain at golli hawliau; ii) a fyddai colled o'r fath yn arwain at iawndal; a iii) pa awdurdod sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i dynnu 'hawliau pori' oddi ar eu perchnogion. (WAQ58141)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to the answer to WAQ58080, and in particular with respect to the information relating to the presence of a SSSI on common land, will the Minister clarify i) what would trigger a loss of rights; ii) would such a loss be subject to compensation; and iii) what authority the Welsh Government has to remove 'rights to graze' from their owners. (WAQ58141)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 21 Hydref 2011 Answer received for publication on 21 October 2011

The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): The presence of a SSSI on common land will not trigger the loss of a right of common and the question of compensation therefore does not arise.

I am not aware that the Welsh Government has any authority to remove rights of common from their owners in respect of SSSIs.

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Sawl sefydliad Addysg Bellach ac Addysg Uwch yng Nghymru sydd heb gynrychiolaeth myfyrwyr ar eu Byrddau Llywodraethwyr/Senedd. (WAQ58140)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): How many FE and HE institutions in Wales do not have student representation on their Boards of Governors/Senate. (WAQ58140)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 19 Hydref 2011 Answer received for publication on 19 October 2011

The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): I am pleased to report that all FE and HE institutions in Wales have student representation on their Boards of Governors or Senates.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cael cyngor cyfreithiol clir yn cadarnhau nad yw ei pholisi o gynnig cymhorthdal i fyfyrwyr o Gymru tuag at eu ffioedd dysgu, lle bynnag y maent yn dewis astudio yn y DU, yn mynd yn groes i gyfraith yr UE. (WAQ58142)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm that the Welsh Government has received explicit legal advice confirming that its policy of offering a tuition fee subsidy to Welsh students, wherever they choose to study in the UK, is not in breach of EU law. (WAQ58142)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 19 Hydref 2011 Answer received for publication on 19 October 2011 **Leighton Andrews:** I can confirm that the Welsh Government received legal advice before adopting its position on tuition fees last year. We stand by our policy

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

Bethan Jenkins (Gorllewin De Cymru): A oes unrhyw asesiad wedi'i wneud yn y ddwy flynedd diwethaf o effeithiolrwydd cost tocynnau teithio rhatach ar drafnidiaeth gyhoeddus. (WAQ58143)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Has any assessment of the cost effectiveness of concessionary public transport been carried out in the past two years. (WAQ58143)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 19 Hydref 2011 Answer received for publication on 19 October 2011

The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): I am committed to retaining our scheme that provides free travel for older and disabled pass holders on local bus services throughout Wales.

We monitor the number of passholders and journeys made quarterly via the scheme's Smartcards. We have recently agreed with local authorities and bus operators a funding arrangement for the next three years that contains the overall cost without affecting entitlement or eligibility for users.