

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 2 Hydref 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 2 October 2012

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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): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi rhestr o'r holl gyfarfodydd y mae'r Dirprwy Weinidog Amaethyddiaeth, Bwyd, Pysgodfeydd a Rhaglenni Ewropeaidd wedi bod yn bresennol ynddynt at ddibenion hybu bwyd a diod o Gymru yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad. (WAQ61242)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide a list of all meetings attended by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes for the purposes of promoting Welsh food and drink during the Fourth Assembly. (WAQ61242)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 27 Medi 2012
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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): The Deputy Minister takes the view that all of his meetings contribute to furthering the aims and objectives of his portfolio, particularly promoting Welsh food and drink.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y broses ar gyfer cymeradwyo cynhyrchu cig dafad 'gyda'r croen ynghlwm' yn gyfreithlon. (WAQ61243)
Trosglwyddwyd i'w ateb yn Ysgrifenedig gan y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the process for approving the legal production 'skin-on' sheep meat. (WAQ61243) **Transferred for answer by the Minister for Health and Social Services.**

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): Skin on sheep meat is the policy responsibility of the Food Standards Agency. I am advised the Food Standards Agency has written to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) seeking clarification of its opinion on the production of smoked skin-on sheep meat – also known as 'smokies'.
I understand this request for clarification has been passed to the two EFSA scientific Panels for consideration and the Agency is expecting a response during October 2012.
However, the process of legalising the production of smokies is likely to take a number of years and in the meantime, the production of smokies remains illegal.

Bethan Jenkins (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ddenu buddsoddiad uniongyrchol o dramor i Gymru. (WAQ61249)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on attracting foreign direct investment to Wales. (WAQ61249)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 02 Hydref 2012
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Edwina Hart: I regularly advise Plenary and the Enterprise and Business Committee on this and other issues appropriate to my Ministerial portfolio as, for example, the Record of Proceedings for 11 July 2012 shows.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi copïau o'r cyfraniadau i'r cais am dystiolaeth gan Grwp Gorchwyl a Gorffen Ardaloedd Twf Lleol Powys. (WAQ61251)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister provide copies of the contributions to the call for evidence to the Powys Local Growth Zones Task and Finish Group. (WAQ61251)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 28 Medi 2012
Answer received for publication on 28 September 2012

Edwina Hart: The contributions to the Powys Local Growth Zones call for evidence were collated into a summary report. This report was published on the Welsh Government website, and can be found at: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandconomy/policy/powyslgz/?lang=en>

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa bryd y bydd y Gweinidog yn cyhoeddi pa argymhellion y bydd yn eu derbyn o'r Adolygiad o Ardrethi Busnes Cymru: Cymell Twf, a gyhoeddwyd ym mis Mai 2012. (WAQ61252)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): When will the Minister announce which recommendations she will accept from the Business Rates Wales Review: Incentivising Growth published in May 2012. (WAQ61252)

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Edwina Hart: The response will be made in the coming weeks, as previously indicated.

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A yw'r Gweinidog wedi cael unrhyw gyngor gan swyddogion neu sefydliadau allanol eleni sydd wedi golygu ei fod wedi ailasesu cost polisi ffioedd dysgu Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ61250)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Has the Minister received any advice from officials or external organisations this year that has caused him to re-assess the cost of the Welsh Government's tuition fees policy. (WAQ61250)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): No

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog bennu dyddiad targed ar gyfer sicrhau statws heb TB swyddogol yng Nghymru. (WAQ61244)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister set a target date for Wales to achieve Official TB-free status. (WAQ61244)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The eradication of bovine TB in Wales and attainment of Officially TB Free (OTF) status is the ultimate aim of the TB Eradication Programme. All parties contributing to the Eradication Programme recognise that achieving OTF status is a long term objective and accept that it is not appropriate to specify a timeframe for eradicating such a complex disease at this stage.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dadansoddiad o a) nifer y gwartheg a laddwyd, b) sawl buches sydd o dan gyfyngiadau symud, ac c) cyfanswm yr iawndal a dalwyd i ffermwyr ym mhob un o'r 12 mis diwethaf fel rhan o raglen dileu TB Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ61245)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide a breakdown on a) the number of cattle culled, b) the number of herds under movement restrictions, and c) the total compensation paid to farmers in each of the last 12 months as part of the Welsh Government's TB eradication programme. (WAQ61245)

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John Griffiths: The latest available figures for the number of cattle slaughtered and herds under restriction relate to the periods Jan-Dec 2011 and Jan-Jun 2012.

	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Jun 2012
Cattle compulsorily slaughtered due to TB (a)	7,971	4,572
Herds under TB2 restrictions at some time during the reporting period due to a TB incident	1,757	1,435

Source: Defra Sept 2012
(a) By month of slaughter

The total compensation paid to farmers in Wales in each of the last 12 months (b) is as follows:

Sep-2011	£1,005,000.00
Oct-2011	£640,000.00
Nov-2011	£1,993,000.00
Dec-2011	£900,000.00
Jan-2012	£998,000.00
Feb-2012	£1,311,000.00
Mar-2012	£1,338,000.00
Apr-2012	£897,000.00
May-2012	£1,261,000.00
Jun-2012	£2,278,000.00
Jul-2012	£1,558,000.00

Aug-2012	£1,554,000.00
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Source: Welsh Government Finance System

(b) Compensation figures are recorded for the month during which compensation was paid and may differ from the month when the animals were slaughtered.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i adolygu ei rhaglen dileu TB yn dilyn adroddiad yr Is-Grwp “Tiwbercwlosis mewn Gwartheg”, (SANCO/2012/11191), o Dasglu'r Comisiwn Ewropeaidd ar Fonitro Dileu Clefydau Anifeiliaid. (WAQ61246)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What plans does the Welsh Government have to review its TB eradication programme following the Report of the “Bovine Tuberculosis” Sub-Group, (SANCO/2012/11191), from the European Commission’s Task Force for Monitoring Animal Disease Eradication. (WAQ61246)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 01 Hydref 2012
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John Griffiths: The measures contained in the TB Eradication Programme are subject to continuous review and monitoring.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Beth yw'r asesiad mwyaf diweddar y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'i wneud o effaith clefyd Johnne ar fuchesi godro yng Nghymru. (WAQ61247)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What is the most recent assessment that the Welsh Government has made of the impact of Johnne's disease on the Welsh dairy herd. (WAQ61247)

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John Griffiths: Welsh Government acknowledges the impact that Johnne's disease can have on dairy herds in terms of the health & welfare of affected animals as well as the financial losses from reduced milk yields and early culling.

The Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (AHWS) Steering Group have identified Johnne's disease as one of its non - statutory disease priorities for the dairy sector in Wales. It is through this forum that Welsh Government is kept apprised of the impact Johnne's disease has on the Welsh dairy herd, as well as the many industry initiatives in place for controlling the disease.

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 bwriadu cyhoeddi argymhellion ei waith cwmpasu “i greu cyfleoedd a phenderfynu ar drefniadau ymarferol gwaith Cyd-Awdurdodau Trafnidiaeth” ac i roi “ystyriaeth fanwl i'r cyngor cyfreithiol, y costau, y buddiannau, y risgiau a'r cyfleoedd” (tudalen 86 Adroddiad Blynyddol y Rhaglen Lywodraethu Mai 2012). (WAQ61248)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): When does the Minister plan to publish the recommendations of his scoping work to “establish opportunities and practicalities for potential Joint Transport Authorities with detailed consideration of legal advice, costs, benefits, risks and opportunities” (p. 88 Programme for Government Annual Report May 2012). (WAQ61248)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 03 Hydref 2012
Answer received for publication on 03 October 2012

The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The Compact for Change between Welsh Government and Welsh Local Government is based on voluntary collaboration between the two tiers of government. I will await the outcome of this exercise before considering any recommendations in relation to establishing Joint Transport Authorities.