

# THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

## BUSINESS PAPERS

### Part 1- Section F

#### Oral Assembly Questions for answer on 16 June 1999

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**( Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets )**

Questions tabled on 2 June 1999

To ask the Assembly Secretary for Health and Social Services;

**1. Peter Black (South West Wales);** If she will give an assurance that once the appropriate powers have been transferred to her, she will commit the Government to maintaining the accident and emergency unit at Singleton Hospital, Swansea, at its current level, providing 24 hour cover. (OAQ98JS)

**2. John Griffiths (Newport East);** What strategy she will pursue to tackle health inequalities in Wales. (OAQ117JS)

**3. Alun Pugh (Clwyd West);** How many people die prematurely in Wales each year as a result of diseases caused by tobacco products. (OAQ121)

**4. Peter Black (South West Wales);** If the PFI agreement to build Baglan Moors Hospital offers the best value for money deal to the Iechyd Morgannwg Health Authority and represents the most effective long term use of their assets and resources to get

thehospital built. (OAQ122JS)

**5. Alun Pugh (Clwyd West);** If she will enter into discussions with the secretary of State for Health with a view to changing the law to prevent under 18s purchasing cigarettes and other tobacco products. (OAQ129JS)

**6. Rod Richards (North Wales);** What are the details of the disposal of the Denbighmental Health Hospital by North Wales Health Authority and if he will make a statement.(OAQ108JS)

**7. Geraint Davies (Rhondda);** Is she aware of the contribution by the former RhonddaBorough Council to secure a valley bottom site for a new hospital by the Mid GlamorganHealth Authority and will she indicate when the Pontypridd and Rhondda NHS trust will be allowed to purchase this site from the County Borough Council in order to build a newhospital (OAQ123)

**8. John Griffiths (Newport East);** Whether she has any plans to introduce a scheme of food labelling in Wales so that consumers may be better informed as to the content of foods. (OAQ116JS)

**9. Lorraine Barrett (Cardiff South & Penarth)** Will she support initiatives such as those being considered by the Green Issues group at UHW/Llandough NHS Trust to encourage staff to travel to work by cycle rather than car. (OAQ124)

**10. Michael German (South Wales East);** What are the key issues effecting the budget distribution for health services in Wales and what is the timescale for a review of the formula for funding the Health authorities and Trusts by the national Assembly. (OAQ107JS)

**11. Christine Humphreys (North Wales);** Following the escape of a patient from the medium secure unit at Ty Llywelyn, Llanfairfechan, would the Secretary make a statement regarding the procedure for informing local schools and residents, should a similar incident occur. (OAQ113JS)

**12. Rod Richards (North Wales);** On which day in each month are hospital waiting lists and times published. (OAQ109JS)

**13. David Davies (Monmouth);** What action she is taking to reduce hospital waiting lists. (OAQ131JS)

**14. David Davies (Monmouth);** If it is her policy to eliminate mixed sex hospital wards and if she will make a statement. (OAQ132)

## Questions tabled on 3 June 1999

**15. Brian Gibbons (Aberavon):** To provide an update on the progress being made at providing the new hospital at Baglan, Port Talbot and to make a statement regarding the range of services which are planned for the hospital. ( OAQ133VB )

**16. Carwyn Jones (Bridgend):** To make a statement regarding how many Health Trusts will be paying premium rates to their employees for working over the Millennium Eve. (OAQ134VB )

Oral Questions tabled on 8 June 1999 for answer on 16 June 1999

### To ask the Assembly Secretary for Health and Social Services;

**17. Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** What plans she has to appoint a children's commissioner. (OAQ143VB)

**18. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire):** What plans she has to examine the effectiveness of Secretin as a treatment for Autism. (OAQ152VB)

**19. Alison Halford (Delyn):** To give an assurance that provision of dental care across Wales will be made available as a high priority on the National Health service and specify when this will be achieved. (OAQ150JS)

**20. Val Feld (Swansea East):** To outline how she plans to ensure that the new all Wales Cervical Screening Programme will provide a reliable and comprehensive service to women in Wales, particularly young women and women in the ethnic minority communities. (OAQ151JS)

21. **Nick Bourne (Mid & West Wales):** What representation she has received regarding the ambulance service in Mid & West Wales, and what action she proposes to take to improve the ambulance service in these areas. (OAQ159VB)

**22. Sue Essex ( Cardiff North ) :** To make a statement on the relationship between

**poorhousing and ill health in Wales and how the Welsh Assembly might need to proceed to respond to this relationship. ( OAQ167JS )**

To ask the Assembly Secretary for Lifelong Education and Training ;

**1. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** What plans he has to include employers in the design and delivery of post 16 education and training in Wales. (OAQ102JS)

**2. Alun Pugh (Clwyd West);** How will he ensure the people living in sparsely populated rural areas have access to 'adequate and sufficient' Further Education opportunities. (OAQ119JS)

**3. Michael German (South Wales East);** To specify the issues which would be important considerations in addressing the matter of the introduction of student tuition fees in Higher education institutions in Wales and the issues which would face the National Assembly in reviewing this decision. (OAQ103JS)

**4. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley);** Does he intend to ensure adequate and affordable childcare provision is available throughout Wales for all those who wish to be able to part in training and learning opportunities. (OAQ127)

**5. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central);** (i) How much did higher Education Institutions in Wales disburse in Access funds in total throughout last year (Sept 1997-Aug 1998) (ii) How much did HEIs hold back at July 1998 to cover the month of August (iii) How much did they return to the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales at the end of July 1998 as funds surplus to requirements. (OAQ125)

**6. Peter Black (South Wales West);** Will he make representations to the UK Government to allow the National Assembly for Wales to determine its own policy on tuition fees for Higher education independently of the rest of the UK. (OAQ111JS)

**7. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** To outline the future contribution of further education colleges to economic development in Wales (OAQ114JS)

**8. John Griffiths (Newport East);** What strategic measures may be pursued to encourage lifelong learning in Wales. (OAQ118JS)

**9. Christine Humphreys (North Wales);** In view of the fact that the Assembly has two education Committees, one with a remit for academic and the other with a remit for vocational education, can he clarify where responsibility for developing vocational courses at Key Stage 4 will lie. (OAQ104JS) [w]

**10. John Griffiths (Newport East);** What policies will be put in place to tackle educational disadvantage in Wales. (OAQ115JS)

**11. Alun Pugh (Clwyd West);** How many people serve on Welsh Further Education College Corporations/Governing bodies, and what is the gender balance. (OAQ120)

Questions tabled on 7 June 1999

**12. Carwyn Jones (Bridgend);** Given the recent appearance of Scotland in the Cricket World Cup and the possible future appearance of Ireland, will he comment on any movements towards the formation of a Welsh Test Cricket Team. ( OAQ138VB )

**13. Nick Bourne (Mid & West Wales) :** What measures he is taking to encourage institutes to provide part time vocational and degree courses.(OAQ140VB ) [R]

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