Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad Information Further to Written Assembly Questions

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Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ64330, a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth, ar 25 Mawrth 2013 Information further to WAQ64330, issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, on 25 March 2013

At/To Janet Finch-Saunders:

I am writing in response to your recent Written Assembly Question.

Will the Minister detail how many meetings he has had with the North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils during the Fourth Assembly to date, the dates of those meetings and what was discussed. (WAQ64330)

The previous Minister had no such meetings.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ64331, a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth, ar 25 Mawrth 2013 Information further to WAQ64331, issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, on 25 March 2013

At/To Janet Finch-Saunders:

I am writing in response to your recent Written Assembly Question.

Will the Minister confirm how many community and town councils in Wales submitted borrowing approval applications in 2012, and will he confirm how many of these were accepted, how many were rejected and whether any applications remain outstanding. (WAQ64331)

In 2012, two borrowing approval applications were received and approved. No applications were rejected and none remain outstanding.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ64334 a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth, ar 25 Mawrth 2013 Information further to WAQ64334, issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, on 25 March 2013

At/To Janet Finch-Saunders:

I am writing in response to your recent Written Assembly Question.

What steps have been taken by the Minister during the Fourth Assembly to encourage local authorities in Wales to publish expenditure to allow for greater scrutiny of public spending. (WAQ64334)

I continue to support the principles of openness and transparency but it has been left to each local authority to choose how they account for public expenditure. A great deal of information on expenditure is already published.

I have not seen any evidence of the benefits of publishing more data and I do not consider that making it a statutory requirement would be an effective way to achieve transparency.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ64335, a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth, ar 25 Mawrth 2013 Information further to WAQ64335, issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, on 25 March 2013

At/To Janet Finch-Saunders:

I am writing in response to your recent Written Assembly Question.

Will the Minister detail how many meetings he has had with One Voice Wales during the Fourth Assembly to date, the dates of those meetings and what was discussed. (WAQ64335)

The previous Minister held four meetings between 14 June 2011 and 28 January 2013. A variety of issues were discussed.