

## **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 24 Mai 2012**

### **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 24 May 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 gadarnhau statws presennol pob cais i'r UE am statws daearyddol gwarchoddedig ar gyfer bwyd a diod o Gymru, a nodi pa gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i geisio cael dynodiadau ychwanegol yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad. (WAQ60347)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister confirm the current status of all applications for EU protected geographic status for Welsh food and drink, and state what plans the Welsh Government has to pursue additional designations during the Fourth Assembly. (WAQ60347)

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**The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies):** You will understand that applying for EU Protected Food Name status is a protracted process. At present, my department is supporting eight applications; Anglesey Sea Salt has been through National Consultation and is currently awaiting a Verification of Compliance before being submitted to the Commission. Pembrokeshire Potatoes has just gone out on National Consultation. Four applications are in late stages of draft and will go on National Consultation in the next few months and two are currently being amended with input from Defra. Efforts are currently concentrated on these eight applications but other products will of course be considered. Our plans for the future will be to raise the awareness of Protected Food Names within the industry.

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Ers dechrau yn ei swydd, a all y Gweinidog amlinellu pa gamau y mae wedi'u cymryd i leihau'r baich rheoleiddiol ar fusnesau bach a chanolig. (WAQ60349)

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Since taking office, can the Minister outline what steps she has taken to reduce the regulatory burden on small and medium sized enterprises. (WAQ60349)

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**Edwina Hart:** Most of the regulation relating to businesses is UK or EU based. My department is currently liaising with Whitehall on the European Commission's plans to exempt micro-enterprises from future EU legislation unless there is an explicit justification to include them. I am also committed to reducing bureaucracy and regulation for business where this is under our control and regulatory impact assessments are undertaken on new Welsh Government legislation.

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa gyfyngiadau cynllunio y mae'n bwriadu ceisio eu llacio fel rhan o gynllun Ardal Fenter Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ60350)

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister outline which planning restrictions she intends to seek to relax as part of the Welsh Government's Enterprise Zone scheme. (WAQ60350)

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**Edwina Hart:** This is a matter for the planning authority that has responsibility for the area in which an Enterprise Zone is located. The Welsh Government has introduced secondary legislation to provide an

additional mechanism for simplifying planning via the use of Local Development Orders. Some authorities will choose to exercise those powers but they may not be appropriate in every Enterprise Zone. I am confident that all the planning authorities involved will make efficient use of their existing planning processes and arrangements as Enterprise Zone developments are considered.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cymryd i sicrhau bod cwmnïau cadwyn cyflenwi yng Nghymru yn elwa o'r buddsoddiad a gyhoeddwyd yn ddiweddar yn ffatri Vauxhall yn Ellesmere Port. (WAQ60351)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that Welsh supply chain companies benefit from the recently announced investment at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port plant. (WAQ60351)

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**Edwina Hart:** Welsh Government continues in its effort to explore opportunities for existing and potential Welsh suppliers to Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port Plant. Deeside is of great strategic importance to Wales for advanced manufacturing and enhanced capital allowances will cement its competitive position to encourage new investment.

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

**Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro):** Beth yw cyfanswm gwariant Llywodraeth Cymru ar y Fframwaith Sgiliau. (WAQ60342)

**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** What total level of expenditure has been incurred by the Welsh Government on the Skills Framework. (WAQ60342)

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**The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews):** The non-statutory Skills Framework encompasses the skills of communication, number, ICT and thinking. The Skills Framework was developed and implemented as part of the wider work to review and introduce the revised national curriculum in 2008. Within that work, the cost of producing the Skills Framework document is approximately £40,000.

The new National Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) builds on the non-statutory Skills Framework and addresses the issues identified by Estyn – it will have statutory force and identify clear annual expected outcomes in literacy and numeracy for all learners aged 5 to 14. It will replace the communication and number elements of the Skills Framework.

The ICT and Thinking elements of the Skills Framework will continue to be used by schools on a non-statutory basis.

The LNF will be issued for consultation in June and the consultation period will run to October. The LNF will be introduced on a statutory basis from September 2013.

**Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro):** Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu eu cymryd yn y dyfodol i annog ysgolion i roi mwy o gyfleoedd i ddisgyblion ysgolion uwchradd ddylanwadu ar yr hyn a ddysgant. (WAQ60344)

**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** What future steps does the Minister intend to take to encourage schools to give secondary school pupils more opportunities to influence what they learn. (WAQ60344)

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**Leighton Andrews:** There is already a process in place through the School Council framework to allow secondary school pupils to discuss a range of issues including improvements to their learning, additions or changes to the timetable or improvements to the curriculum. I believe that this is sufficient to allow secondary school pupils opportunities to influence what they learn.

In accordance with the School Councils (Wales) Regulations 2005, governing bodies of maintained schools in Wales must establish a school council to enable the pupils to discuss matters relating to their school, their education and any other matters of concern or interest and to make representations about these matters to the headteacher and the governing body. The headteacher and governing body is also required to consider any matter communicated to them by the school council and to provide a response.

**Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro):** Pa gynlluniau sydd gan y Gweinidog i sicrhau bod mwy o ysgolion uwchradd yn olrhain cynnydd disgyblion o ran datblygu eu sgiliau generig. (WAQ60345)

**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** What plans does the Minister have to ensure a greater number of secondary schools track pupils' progress in developing their generic skills. (WAQ60345)

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**Leighton Andrews:** I fully support the use of systems to track pupil developments both at primary and secondary school level. Tracking systems play a role as part of the tool kit used by teachers, schools and local authorities to monitor progress and identify pupils.

The School Standards Unit meets termly with local authorities at consortium level to review their progress in developing systematic target-setting and providing support for under-performing schools. Part of this work involves working with consortia to ensure that effective pupil-tracking systems are in place to develop effective teaching and ensure that pupils at all levels receive the right support in order to achieve their full potential.

In the recent regional conferences held across Wales in March "Teaching Makes a Difference: One Year On" sessions were focussed on pupil tracking systems across Wales to help share best practice.

*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 roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y wybodaeth a ddarparwyd i'w ateb i WAQ57733. (WAQ60348)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on the information provided to his answer in WAQ57733. (WAQ60348)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 29 Mai 2012***  
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**The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths):** Preferred developers are charged an annual fee for the leases, the gross totals of which are as follows:

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FY		Gross Income £k
2012/13	Forecast	2,300
2013/14	Forecast	2,300
2014/15	Forecast	4,500
2015/16	Forecast	7,200
2016/17	Forecast	9,700
2017/18	Forecast	12,250
2018-2042	Forecast	285,600

NB: Forecast income is subject to projects securing planning permission and can therefore change. Fees are based on energy pricing indices and fluctuations may cause forecast figures to change.

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

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Ar ba ddyddiad y mae'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu cyflwyno'r gorchymyn ffurfiol i symud y dyddiadau ar gyfer etholiadau awdurdodau lleol a chynghorau cymuned i 2017. (WAQ60341)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** On what date does the Minister plan to introduce the formal order to move the dates of elections for local authorities and community councils to 2017. (WAQ60341)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 28 Mai 2012***  
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**The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant):** It was important that my decision to move the date of the 2016 local elections was announced ahead of the 2012 local elections so that those standing for election on May 3rd would know that they would serve for a five year term. I will introduce the Order in due course.