

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 20 Mai 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 20 May 2011

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***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter a Thechnoleg
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Technology***

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Faint o ffermwyr sy'n derbyn y taliad sengl yn etholaeth Blaenau Gwent. (WAQ57356)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): How many farmers are in receipt of single farm payments in the Blaenau Gwent constituency. (WAQ57356)

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): In 2010, 52 farmers were in receipt of payments under the Single Payments Scheme in the Blaenau Gwent constituency.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services***

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod y cynigion ar gyfer gwelliannau blaen y ty yn ysbyty Bronglais yn cynnwys theatrau newydd. (WAQ57359)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister confirm that the proposals for front of house improvements at Bronglais hospital include new theatres. (WAQ57359)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): I confirm that the proposals for front of house improvements at Bronglais hospital include new theatres.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Tŷ
To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House***

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pa bryd oedd y tro diwethaf i Lywodraeth Cymru drafod ei gofynion benthyca gyda'r Prif Weinidog. (WAQ57357)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): When did the Welsh government last discuss its borrowing requirements with the Prime Minister. (WAQ57357)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): Welsh Ministers regularly discuss relevant issues with their UK counterparts, including matters of finance. I am very much in favour of Wales having greater ability to borrow. The UK Government has stated its intention to consider with us the options for reforming the Welsh Government's funding and financial powers. We will engage

constructively in that process and will seek greater ability to borrow for Wales along with other reforms, including a move towards fairer funding.

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu eu cynnal gyda'r Trysorlys ynghylch rhaglen gyfalaf Llywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ57358)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What discussions does the Minister intend to hold with the Treasury regarding the Welsh government's capital programme. (WAQ57358)

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Jane Hutt: I intend to continue the regular dialogue with my counterparts in Treasury that I established during the previous Assembly. I anticipate that the dialogue will cover a range of issues and I will pursue the best outcome for Wales. A continuing challenge will be maximising making the most that we can from the settlement that we received at the Spending Review, which includes a 40% real terms reduction in our capital budget.

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

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o anghenion cyllido'r prosiect Biosffer Dyfi er mwyn iddo gyflawni ei nodau fel y'u cymeradwywyd gan Unesco. (WAQ57360)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the funding needs of the Dyfi Biosphere project to enable it to meet its aims as approved by Unesco. (WAQ57360)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): Obtaining UNESCO Biosphere designation for the Dyfi Valley was a significant achievement. Following a development meeting in 2010, the Dyfi Biosphere Partnership received funding from the Countryside Council for Wales, Snowdonia National Park and the local authority partners to undertake a fundraising project. The project has identified a range of funding partners and prepared a schedule for approaching them. In addition, the Welsh Government is providing a secretariat service to the Biosphere project for the 2011/12 financial year. It is important that partnership has the capacity to develop according to locally identified priorities and I will monitor the situation with interest.

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pa gynnydd sydd wedi'i wneud o ran penodi asiantau i gyflawni'r gwaith difa arfaethedig yn yr ardal weithredu TB gwartheg. (WAQ57361)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What progress has been made in appointing agents to undertake the proposed cull in the Bovine TB action area. (WAQ57361)

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John Griffiths: The Badger (Control Area) (Wales) Order 2011 has been the subject of judicial review pre-action protocol correspondence by solicitors acting for the Badger Trust and we understand that a full judicial review application will be filed at court shortly. It is inappropriate to comment on the issues raised in your question whilst formal legal proceedings are pending.

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

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pa drafodaethau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael gydag a) Prifysgol Aberystwyth a b) Prifysgolion eraill Cymru ynghylch gosod uchafswm o £9,000 fel cyfradd ffioedd dysgu. (WAQ57362)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with a) Aberystwyth and b) other Welsh universities regarding setting a maximum £9,000 tuition fee rate. (WAQ57362)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): In January this year my Department formally consulted relevant stakeholders, including all Welsh universities, on my proposals for higher education tuition fees and statutory student support from 2012/13.

Aberystwyth University responded to a written consultation exercise and also took part in a stakeholder workshop held on 24 January 2011.

The consultation responses together with feedback from the stakeholder workshop informed the fee planning requirements placed on institutions. The National Assembly approved the tuition fee regulations in March. No Welsh HEI will be able to charge above the basic fee level of £4000 unless it has a fee plan approved by HEFCW.