

# **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 18 Hydref 2011**

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 18 October 2011**

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***Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru  
To ask the First Minister***

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu manylion am ymatebion Llywodraeth Cymru i ymgynghoriad Ofgem ar y Prosiect TransmiT. (WAQ58134)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the First Minister provide details of the Welsh Government's submissions to Ofgem's Project TransmiT consultation. (WAQ58134)

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa drafodaethau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cael gyda chynrychiolwyr Llywodraeth yr Alban ynghylch ymgynghoriad Ofgem ar y Prosiect TransmiT. (WAQ58135)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** What discussions has the Welsh Government had with representatives of the Scottish Government regarding Ofgem's Project TransmiT consultation. (WAQ58135)

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**The First Minister (Carwyn Jones):** The Welsh Government holds regular discussions with Ofgem on all issues under its remit and Welsh Government energy officials have regular discussion with their counterparts in the Scottish Executive on wide range of topics in their remit. The former Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing discussed Project TransmiT with Ofgem's Chief Executive prior to the Welsh Government providing comments. Our comments, in the context of the consultation, outlined what we believe are the key future transmission grid developments in Wales which will enable the acceleration of low carbon electricity generation and supply.

Our response highlighted our very ambitious targets for renewable electricity production by 2025 published within the Assembly Government's energy policy statement, A Low Carbon Revolution and the need for the upgrading of grid infrastructure in Wales to meet these aims.. Specific reference were made to fuel poverty implications of low carbon generation, connection costs to large consumers and the Anglesey Energy Island Project.

We stressed the significance of the effectiveness of the new major infrastructure planning system and the quality of the associated National Policy Statements. Our response also explained that the situation in Wales is different to that in Scotland. For example, with regarding envisaged large transmission enhancement projects, because our sources of renewable electricity are not greatly divorced from major demand centres, unlike Scotland.

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

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Pa gynlluniau sydd ar waith i lenwi'r rôl a gyflawnwyd gan Gynllun Arloesedd Tywysog Cymru. (WAQ58130)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** What plans are in place to replace the role fulfilled by The Prince of Wales Innovation Scholarship. (WAQ58130)

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**The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart):** The Prince of Wales Innovation Scholarship (POWIS) scheme is being scaled back following a Welsh Government review which identified significant management and governance shortcomings in relation to EU funds eligibility. WEFO is working with the University of Wales to bring the current project to a close, whilst honouring contractual commitments to eligible scholars and businesses.

The EU funds will be allocated to support project proposals led by other organisations to drive forward innovation, research and development and technology etc.

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

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** Sawl cynnig i ad-drefnu ysgolion y mae Gweinidogion Cymru wedi'u penderfynu ers 1999, a pha amcangyfrif y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud ynghylch sawl un na fyddai wedi cael ei benderfynu gan Weinidogion Cymru o dan y system arfaethedig ym Mhapur Gwyn y Bil Safonau a Threfniadaeth Ysgolion (Cymru). (WAQ58132)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** How many school re-organisation proposals have been determined by Welsh Ministers since 1999 and what estimate has the Minister made of how many would not have been determined by Welsh Ministers under the system proposed in the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Bill White Paper. (WAQ58132)

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**The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews):** During the period between the establishment of the National Assembly in July 1999 and the end of March 2011, approximately 207 school organisation proposals or sets of linked proposals, were referred to the National Assembly or the Welsh Ministers for determination.

Had the system proposed in the School Standards and Organisation Bill White Paper been in place during this period, approximately 10 proposals would have been referred to the Welsh Ministers. However, figures relating to the period prior to 2005-06 need to be treated with an element of caution as the information which would enable precise figures to be calculated is no longer available.

**Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Yn sgîl brigdorri cyllideb ddysgu Cyngor Cyllido Addysg Uwch Cymru, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau y bydd y gyllideb ddysgu a bennwyd ar gyfer cyrsiau carfan myfyrwyr 2011/2012 yn cael ei chynnal a'i chadw hyd nes y byddant yn cwblhau eu hastudiaethau gradd. (WAQ58136)

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister confirm that the teaching budget set for courses for the 2011/2012 cohort of students will be maintained until the completion of their undergraduate studies in light of the top slicing of the HEFCW teaching budget. (WAQ58136)

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**Leighton Andrews:** Responsibility for the distribution of the recurrent funding element of their budget lies with the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW).

I understand that HEFCW has consulted on proposed changes to the funding mechanism for 2012/13, and will be publishing final proposals in the near future.

**Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau faint o arian o gyllideb ddysgu Cyngor Cyllido Addysg Uwch Cymru sydd wedi cael ei symud i gyllido'r Grant Ffioedd Dysgu newydd. (WAQ58137)

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister confirm how much money from the HEFCW teaching budget has been moved to fund the new Tuition Fee Grant. (WAQ58137)

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**Leighton Andrews:** There is no specific amount allocated within the draft budget for the new tuition fee grant - HEFCW will allocate the grant on behalf of students based on demand. As I explained in my original statement to the Assembly in November 2010, the fee grant will be paid for by top slicing the teaching grant. The latest forecasts suggest that HEFCW will allocate approximately £51m to the tuition fee grant in 2012/13.

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

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddweud wrthyf faint yn union o fusnesau sydd wedi cael eu heffeithio gan yr ardoll Bagiau Siopa Untro, ac a wnaiff eu dadansoddi yn ôl y math o gwmni. (WAQ58122)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister provide me with the exact number of businesses that have been affected by the Single-Use Carrier Bag levy and will he break them down by company type. (WAQ58122)

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**The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths):** Information is not available to provide a breakdown of the businesses affected by the single use carrier bag charge. Our information packs have focused on the types of businesses that you would normally expect to supply carrier bags such as clothes shops, cafes and take-away restaurants, hardware stores, grocers and convenience stores.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddweud faint yn union o becynnau gwybodaeth a anfonwyd i fusnesau yr effeithiwyd arnynt gan yr ardoll Bagiau Siopa Untro yn ogystal â nodi dyddiadau anfon y pecynnau hynny. (WAQ58123)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister provide the exact number of information packs that were sent out to businesses affected by the Single-Use Bag levy and the dates when those were sent out. (WAQ58123)

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**John Griffiths:** The first information pack on the single use carrier bag charge was issued w/c 14 March 2011 and was sent to 1379 email addresses and 23,540 postal addresses.  
The second information pack was issued w/c 22 August 2011 to 44,289 business addresses.  
In addition approximately 500 copies of the second information pack have been issued to businesses upon receipt of a request.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Beth yw'r pwysau ychwanegol ar y gyllideb rheoli gwastraff sydd wedi golygu bod raid cael cyllid ychwanegol dros gyfnod tair blynedd y gyllideb. (WAQ58127)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What are the additional pressures on the waste management budget which have necessitated additional funding over the three year budget period. (WAQ58127)

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**John Griffiths:** The additional funding for waste management is in respect of the waste infrastructure treatment projects as they come on stream over the next few years.

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

**Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru):** Pa symiau canlyniadol Barnett sydd wedi dod i law Llywodraeth Cymru ar ôl i'r Ysgrifennydd Cyfiawnder, Kenneth Clarke, ddyrannu £20 miliwn at ddefnydd canolfannau di-elw yn y gymdogaeth ym maes y gyfraith a chynghori er mwyn gwneud iawn am y toriadau mewn cymorth cyfreithiol, a sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi defnyddio'r arian hwnnw. (WAQ58131)

**Peter Black (South Wales West):** What Barnett consequential has come to the Welsh Government from the allocation by Justice Secretary, Kenneth Clarke of £20 million for use by non-profit neighbourhood advice and law centres to compensate for legal aid cuts and how has the Welsh Government used that money. (WAQ58131)

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**The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt):** Under the Barnett formula, the Welsh Government's comparability with the Ministry of Justice's functions is 0%. This reflects the England and Wales nature of that Department's responsibility. There is therefore no consequential due to Wales as a result of this announcement.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Pa gyfradd(au) chwyddiant sydd wedi cael eu defnyddio i benderfynu gwerth blaenoriaethau gwariant Llywodraeth Cymru mewn termau real ym mhob blwyddyn o'r cyfnod dan sylw yn y gyllideb ddrafft. (WAQ58128)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What rate(s) of inflation have been used in order to determine real terms values of Welsh Government spending priorities for each year of the period covered in the draft budget. (WAQ58128)

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**Jane Hutt:** The real terms values of allocations in the Draft Budget were calculated using the GDP deflator forecast published by HMT, consistent with the March 2011 Budget. In line with the March Budget, 2010-11 has been used as the base year. The rates are as follows:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
GDP deflator	100.0	102.9	105.5	108.3	111.2
Year on year change (%)		2.9%	2.5%	2.7%	2.7%

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o'r arbedion a wnaed o ganlyniad i'r rhaglen Buddsoddi i Arbed. (WAQ58129)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister provide a breakdown of savings made as a result of the Invest to Save programme . (WAQ58129)

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**Jane Hutt:** The Invest-to-Save Fund has since December 2009 supported 48 public sector improvement projects, with a total investment of £42 million. Between them, these projects are forecasting significant benefits including service improvements and annual savings of some £46 million.

I have already published Investing-to-Save that provided details of all of the public sector projects that have received investments from the Fund and have published case studies of the more advanced projects. Given the relative newness of the Fund, the majority of projects are at different stages of implementation, nevertheless, some £1.4 million of savings were reported by project promoters last year and a minimum of £7.6 million are projected in 2011-12. The scale of savings is forecast to increase significantly after this.

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

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am weithredu'r canllawiau ar ofal ysbrydol yn y GIG yng Nghymru. (WAQ58124)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of guidance on spiritual care within the Welsh NHS. (WAQ58124)

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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths):** Following the publication of our spiritual care guidance, all Health Boards and Trusts now have plans in place.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad llawn o sut y mae pob Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol yng Nghymru wedi cydymffurfio â'r Safonau Canser Cenedlaethol. (WAQ58125)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister provide a full breakdown of compliance with National Cancer Standards for each Local Health Board in Wales. (WAQ58125)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The former Minister for Health and Social Services wrote to all Assembly Members last December setting out the significant improvement in compliance with the National Cancer Standards. Following this improvement, all Local Health Boards were asked to assess compliance again in April this year and report the outcome formally to their Boards. However, these reports are not now routinely shared with the Welsh Government as we are now focusing on measuring the effectiveness of cancer care and the quality of the patient experience rather than process and systems alone.

**Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cyfleusterau newid ar gyfer staff yn ysbytai'r GIG. (WAQ58138)

**Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on changing facilities for staff in NHS hospitals. (WAQ58138)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad ysgrifenedig am y gwasanaethau a ddarperir i gyn-filwyr sy'n dioddef Anhwylder Straen Wedi Trawma (PTSD). (WAQ58139)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a written statement on the provision of services for ex-servicemen suffering with PTSD. (WAQ58139)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** The Welsh Government is committed to ensuring a range of high quality services are available to veterans to provide the treatment they deserve. Key to this is the All-Wales Health and Well-being Service for Veterans. We are investing £485,000 each year in this new NHS service, which is being developed and implemented across Wales by Health Boards (HBs). This will provide expert treatment locally for veterans, in addition to the general mental health provision available to anybody with PTSD. Further information on the service is available at [www.veterans.co.uk](http://www.veterans.co.uk).

As a result, there will be a specialist clinic in each HB providing expertise and outpatient care for veterans with PTSD, allowing veterans and their families to access services as close to their homes as possible. The NHS Traumatic Stress Service is also available to provide specialist assessment and evidence-based treatment for those with PTSD.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau*

**To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities**

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** O gofio bod rhywfaint o aildrefnu blaenoriaethau wedi gorfod digwydd yn y Prif Grwp Gwariant Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau er mwyn ariannu ymrwymiad y Llywodraeth i ddarparu 500 yn rhagor o Swyddogion Cymorth Cymunedol yr Heddlu, ym mha linellau yn y gyllideb y gwnaethpwyd yr aildrefnu blaenoriaethau hyn. (WAQ58126)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Given that in order to fund the Government's commitment to provide 500 additional Police Community Support Officers some reprioritisation within the Local Government and Communities Main Expenditure Group has been necessary, from which budget lines has this reprioritisation taken place. (WAQ58126)

**Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 01 Tachwedd 2011**  
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**The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant):** The following table provides details of the budgets which make up the Funding Support for Local Government Action along with an explanation of what each line supports. .

Actions	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
<b>Funding Support for Local Government</b>	4,209,918	4,229,757	4,286,378	4,308,778
<i>Revenue Support Grant</i>	3,999,901	4,020,755	4,073,391	4,073,391
<i>Additional resources for RSG (1% Education)</i>				22,400
<i>Police Funding (Revenue Support Grant and Non Domestic Rates)</i>	161,000	151,000	151,000	151,000
<i>Community Support Officers</i>	2,787	11,787	16,787	16,787
<i>Support for Council Tax</i>	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
<i>PFI - Revenue Consequences</i>	37,658	36,643	35,628	35,628
<i>Non Domestic Rates Collection Costs</i>	5,172	5,172	5,172	5,172
<i>Business Rate Relief Scheme</i>	400	400	400	400

**Revenue Support Grant** – the provisional Local Government Settlement was published on 18 October. It is broadly in line with last year's published plans and includes an increase for 2012-13 of 0.24% on the previous year, and 1.3% and 0.6% respectively for 2013-14 and 2014-15. The aggregate effect of this is a slight increase (0.7%) in local authority cash funding over the four year spending review. Included in this are transfers totalling £11.1m in respect of the Strategy for Older People Grant and the First Steps Package. (These transfers have yet to be reflected in the 2011-12 budget line but will be picked up as part of the Second Supplementary Budget in 2011-12).

In line with the First Minister's commitment to protect schools in order to ensure the delivery of the best outcomes for Welsh children, the RSG includes the necessary resources to deliver a 1% protection above the change in the Welsh Government's block grant each year. This equates to a commitment to increase the funding for education within the settlement by £80 million over a four year period.

**Police Funding** - the overall Police settlement is driven by the Home Office's decisions on Police Grant. Funding is distributed across all Police Authorities in England and Wales in accordance with a distribution formula operated by the Home Office. In response to last year's Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR), the Home Office reduced police funding by 5.1% in 2011-12 and 6.7% in 2012-13. The



Welsh Government received a reduced consequential resulting from the CSR and funding is being provided within the budget, in line with the Welsh Government's share of the settlement. Further discussions will be required before determining settlements beyond 2012-13.

**Community Support Officers (CSOs)** – The Government's "five for a fairer future" pledges includes a commitment to fund an additional 500 CSOs. This will represent a significant expansion in numbers which will make a real difference to our communities. CSOs are not a replacement for warranted police officers, they are there to complement and support existing police resources. These new officers will build upon the links between police and communities, providing visibility and reassurance and engaging with local people. They will be able to tackle the anti-social behaviour that still blights some of our communities. And they will develop the relationships that already exist between policing and other flagship Welsh Government priorities, such as Communities First.

**Support for Council Tax** – Consideration will be given to the future of this support in light of future changes to Council Tax Benefit resulting from UK Government reforms.

**PFI – Revenue Consequences** - this is money paid to both local authorities and police authorities to meet the annual revenue consequences of Private Finance Initiative projects. Savings were delivered last year in line with contractual commitments and the money transferred back into the unhypothecated Revenue Support Grant.

**Non Domestic Rates Collection Costs** - this budget is essentially an "accounting item" which provides for the payments to the Non-Domestic Rating Pool within the Welsh Consolidated Fund in respect of business rates income forgone as a result of local authority collection costs.

**Business Rate Relief Scheme** – as part of last year's Final Budget, £6.6million was transferred from the SJLG MEG to the Reserves. This was in line with an agreement reached with HM Treasury back in March 2010 in terms of reimbursement for the cost of the previous Government's commitment to enhance the small business rates relief scheme. The remaining £400k funds the public facilities grant scheme which reimburses participating local authorities to repay businesses who allow public access to their toilets.

***Gofyn i Gomisiwn y Cynulliad  
To ask the Assembly Commission***

**Leanne Wood (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Comisiwn ddarparu manylion am gost flynyddol prydles rent Ty Hywel ym mhob blwyddyn ariannol rhwng 1999 a'r presennol, ac a allwch gadarnhau (a) beth yw cyfnod presennol y brydles a (b) a ystyriwyd prynu'r adeilad yn y gorffennol. (WAQ58133)

**Leanne Wood (South Wales Central):** Will the Commission provide details of the annual cost for lease rental of Ty Hywel for each financial year from 1999 until the present time, and can you confirm (a) what the current term of the lease is and (b) whether consideration has been given in the past to purchasing the building. (WAQ58133)

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**Assembly Commissioner (Peter Black):** The annual cost for the lease rental of Ty Hywel from 1999 to present is as follows:

Financial Year	Annual Cost excluding VAT	Annual Cost including VAT

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1999-00	£ 1,994,992	£ 2,344,116
2000-01	£ 1,994,992	£ 2,344,116
2001-02	£ 1,994,992	£ 2,344,116
2002-03	£ 1,994,992	£ 2,344,116
2003-04	£ 1,994,992	£ 2,344,116
2004-05	£ 1,994,992	£ 2,344,116
2005-06	£ 1,994,992	£ 2,344,116
2006-07	£ 1,994,992	£ 2,344,116
2007-08	£ 1,775,000	£ 2,085,625
2008-09	£ 1,775,000	£ 2,063,438
2009-10	£ 1,775,000	£ 2,052,344
2010-11	£ 1,775,000	£ 2,085,625
2011-12	£ 1,775,000	£ 2,130,000

From 2008 to present, the fluctuations in cost relate to changes to the VAT rate.

The current term of the lease is for a 25 year period from 2007 when the lease was renegotiated.

Specialist advice on the renegotiation was given, and the terms were approved as providing value for money.

The 2007 renegotiation included an initial five-year rent reduction for the period 2007-12 on the basis of the rental value between 1999 to 2007 from £1,994,992 pa (excluding VAT) to £1,775,000 pa (excluding VAT) and an agreed rental value for the five years from 2012-17 of £2,300,000 pa (excluding VAT).

Further five-yearly rent reviews will be subject to market rental values. The lease renegotiation included the following benefits:

a five year saving of £1.1 million in total;

formalising the use of 49 car parking spaces at the rear of the surface car park which were not included in the original lease; and

granting the Assembly control of Pierhead Street from Tŷ Hywel around to Harbour Drive and the front of the Senedd so that the road could be closed to vehicular traffic as needed.

The National Assembly for Wales Asset Management Strategy identifies that the Assembly has a long term investment in its core estate in Cardiff Bay and that the least cost and most effective approach to management of assets would be acquisition of the freehold of the whole site. An opportunity to acquire the freehold was available to the Assembly during 2009 when the lease was offered for sale by the Cardiff Bay Partnership. At that time funds were not available for the purchase and it is unlikely that a future acquisition will be possible due to pressures on public sector capital spending.