

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 12 Mehefin 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 12 June 2013

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Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cymunedau a Threchu Tlodi
To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

Leanne Wood (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog

a) rhoi dadansoddiad, fesul pob awdurdod lleol, o nifer y ceisiadau am ofal plant o dan gynllun Dechrau'n Deg, gan nodi'r ffigurau am:

- i) ceisiadau am leoedd cyfrwng Cymraeg,
- ii) ceisiadau am leoedd cyfrwng Saesneg, a
- iii) ceisiadau na nododd unrhyw ddewisiadau; a

b) cadarnhau pa gynghorau na wnaeth gyflawni ceisiadau am ofal plant cyfrwng Cymraeg o dan gynllun Dechrau'n Deg? (WAQ94839)

Leanne Wood (South Wales Central): Will the Minister

a) provide a breakdown, by local authority, of the number of requests for childcare under the Flying Start scheme, specifying figures for:

- i) Welsh medium requests,
- ii) English medium requests, and
- iii) requests which did not note a preference; and

b) confirm which councils did not fulfill Welsh medium requests for childcare under the Flying Start scheme? (WAQ94839)

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The Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (Huw Lewis): The Flying Start programme makes an offer of childcare to the parents of all eligible children, as opposed to responding to a request from a parent. No data is therefore collected on the number of parental requests for childcare. I can however confirm that the local authorities do record the number of new offers of full or reduced childcare made in each term: in 2012-13 the total number of new offers made was 5,221 and this is broken down as follows:

	Number newly offered a full or reduced childcare offer			
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Total
Blaenau Gwent	45	54	71	170
Bridgend	63	93	80	236
Caerphilly	80	139	106	325
Cardiff	79	291	269	639
Carmarthenshire	63	85	101	249
Ceredigion	25	54	24	103
Conwy	31	58	41	130
Denbighshire	62	79	63	204
Flintshire	25	57	53	135
Gwynedd	32	84	38	154

Isle of Anglesey	27	41	27	95
Merthyr Tydfil	35	60	37	132
Monmouthshire	37	34	30	101
Neath Port Talbot	164	173	92	429
Newport	74	152	148	374
Pembrokeshire	48	103	85	236
Powys	30	32	34	96
Rhondda Cynon Taf	127	161	137	425
Swansea	128	155	107	390
Torfaen	39	79	65	183
Vale of Glamorgan	74	90	67	231
Wrexham	60	61	63	184
WALES	1,348	2,135	1,738	5,221

Once an offer of childcare has been made by the local authority then the parent's choice of language can be discussed.

It was a new requirement in 2012-13 to collect data relating to language preferences and at present the data we have is not sufficiently robust at an individual local authority level to provide an assessment at that level of whether specific Welsh medium requests have been fulfilled or otherwise. I am therefore unable at this time to provide you with the information you have requested. I have however asked my officials to contact all the local authorities and establish how many of the requests for Welsh medium childcare made in 2012-13 they were unable to fulfil. Once this information is available I will be happy to let you have it along with the information that has been requested about the number of Welsh medium childcare settings and the number of places available.

***Gofyn i Weinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth
 To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport***

Mike Hedges (Dwyrain Abertawe): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pryd y bydd map ffordd ar gyfer datblygu Dinas-ranbarth Bae Abertawe'n cael ei gyhoeddi? (WAQ94834)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister confirm when a road map for the development of the Swansea Bay City Region will be published? (WAQ94834)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Mehefin 2013
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The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): Swansea Bay City Region Task and Finish Group are currently considering the most productive way forward to further develop the City Regions approach in the Swansea Bay area. Until their deliberations are complete, it would be inappropriate of me to comment further.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Faint o arian y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ei wario ar gyfleusterau a seilwaith newydd ym Mhorth Caergybi, gan roi dadansoddiad o brosiectau a chost? (WAQ94835)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How much money has the Welsh Government spent on new facilities and infrastructure in Holyhead Port, giving a breakdown of projects and cost? (WAQ94835)

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Gan gyfeirio'n benodol at y ddwy bont newydd i gerddwyr a adeiladwyd ym Mhorth Caergybi, beth oedd y gyllideb ragamcanol gychwynnol ar gyfer eu cwblhau a faint oedd y gwariant terfynol? (WAQ94836)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): With specific reference to the two new pedestrian bridges that were built at Holyhead Port, what was the initial projected budget for their completion and how much was the final spend? (WAQ94836)

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Edwina Hart: The Welsh Government provided funding of around £5m between 2001 & 2008 to the Isle of Anglesey County Council to support their Holyhead Environmental Package project which included the Gateway Bridge and the Causeway Link. These projects were procured and delivered by the Council who will hold full details of the funding and costs associated with the various works.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Faint o swyddi sydd wedi eu creu yn sgîl gwariant Llywodraeth Cymru yn ardal Porth Caergybi, gan roi ffigurau am bob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf? (WAQ94837)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many jobs have been created as a result of Welsh Government expenditure in the Holyhead Port area, giving figures for each of the last five years? (WAQ94837)

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Edwina Hart: A full assessment of the jobs created directly and indirectly from actions over the last five years would need to be subject to evaluation.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am unrhyw gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i fuddsoddi ym Mhorth Caergybi yn y dyfodol, gan gynnwys unrhyw arian cyhoeddus a ddyrennir i unrhyw brosiect o'r fath? (WAQ94838)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister detail any plans the Welsh Government have to invest in Holyhead Port in the future, including any public money allocated for any such project? (WAQ94838)

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Edwina Hart: I have agreed to co-fund, a development framework for the port of Holyhead to explore all future economic development and employment opportunities.

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa drafodaethau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi eu cael gyda'r Adran Iechyd ynglyn â'r posibilrwydd o gyflwyno rhaglen frechu meningococaid B? (WAQ94830)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the Department of Health regarding the potential introduction of a meningococcal B vaccine programme? (WAQ94830)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 13 Mehefin 2013
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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): The Welsh Government has not had discussions with the Department of Health about the potential introduction of a meningococcal B vaccine programme.

The Welsh Government responds to recommendations from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the introduction of new vaccination programmes.

The Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) is considering evidence on the epidemiology and carriage of different meningococcal serogroup B strains, the costs of treating the disease and the long-term conditions that result from the disease as well as the quality of life of the affected individual and will make recommendations on completion of their evaluation

In the meantime, officials are maintaining regular contact with the Department of Health and JCVI to monitor progress and to update the Chief Medical Officer on developments.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a oes unrhyw gyfarfodydd wedi eu cynnal rhwng yr Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a GIG Cymru i drafod cyflwyno brechlyn meningococcaidd B newydd i'r amserlen brechiadau arferol imiwneiddio i blant a phwy aeth i'r cyfarfodydd hyn? (WAQ94831)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister confirm whether any meetings have taken place between the Department for Health and Social Services and NHS Wales to discuss the introduction of a new meningococcal B vaccine into the routine childhood immunisation schedule and who attended? (WAQ94831)

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Mark Drakeford: NHS Wales and the Department of Health have not met to discuss the introduction of a meningococcal B vaccine into the routine childhood immunisation schedule.

As with the other three UK countries, the Welsh Government responds to recommendations from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the introduction of new vaccination programmes.

The JCVI is considering evidence on the epidemiology and carriage of different meningococcal serogroup B strains, the costs of treating the disease and the long-term conditions that result from the disease as well as the quality of life of the affected individual and will make recommendations on completion of their evaluation.

JCVI recommendations and the implications for Wales will be considered by the Chief Medical Officer and the Wales Immunisation Group before a decision on the introduction for a meningococcal B vaccine programme is taken.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y broses ar gyfer comisiynu brechlynnau newydd yng Nghymru a'r berthynas rhwng comisiynu yng Nghymru a Lloegr, gan gynnwys unrhyw wahaniaethau o ran ymagwedd? (WAQ94832)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the process for commissioning new vaccines in Wales and the relationship between commissioning in Wales and England, including any differences in approach? (WAQ94832)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 13 Mehefin 2013

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Mark Drakeford: The Welsh Government responds to advice and recommendations from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the introduction of new vaccination programmes. The JCVI is an independent, expert panel which advises all UK countries on immunisation issues.

The Welsh Government is not required to implement the advice and may adopt a different approach to the other three UK countries if it considers there are reasonable grounds for doing so.

The Welsh Government works with the Wales Immunisation Group, Health Boards and general practitioners to ensure that vaccines are delivered to patients in the most effective manner.

The Welsh Government is able to utilise UK level purchasing arrangements managed by the Department of Health in England.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth

To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

Mike Hedges (Dwyrain Abertawe): Pa gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i ailgyflwyno proses ffurfiol o gasglu data o ran defnyddio canran y menywod mewn swyddi uwch-reolwyr mewn llywodraeth leol fel dangosydd perfformiad allweddol? (WAQ94833)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East): What plans does the Welsh Government have to re-introduce the formal collection of data in terms of using the percentage of women in senior management posts in local government as a key performance indicator? (WAQ94833)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 10 Gorffennaf 2013

Answer received for publication on 10 July 2013

The Minister for Local Government and Government Business (Lesley Griffiths): The key performance indicators relate to the performance in delivering Local Authority services rather than performance in recruiting women into senior management posts in Local Government. Therefore, I have no plans to introduce an indicator to measure the percentage of women in senior management posts in Local Government. However, I encourage Local Authorities to ensure they are fully meeting all their responsibilities under the Equality Act and the Wales Specific Duties.