

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 24 Awst 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 24 August 2011

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Erbyn pa ddyddiad yn union bydd yr 'Uned Gyflawni' ar waith. (WAQ57899)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): By what exact date will the 'Delivery Unit' be operational. (WAQ57899)

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Pan fydd yr 'Uned Gyflawni' yn dechrau ar ei gwaith, a fydd hi wedi cael ei staffio'n llawn, ac os na, sawl aelod o staff fydd gan yr uned. (WAQ57900)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the 'Delivery Unit' be fully staffed when it becomes operational and if not fully staffed by its commencement, how many members of staff will it have. (WAQ57900)

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): A yw Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr yr Uned Gyflawni wedi cael ei benodi, ac os felly, a yw'r Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr ar secondiad o adran arall, ac a yw'r penodiad hwn yn ddychafiad. (WAQ57901)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Has the Delivery Unit's Deputy Director been appointed, and if so has the Deputy Director been seconded from another department, and is this appointment a promotion. (WAQ57901)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): Further to my written statement of the 13 July 2011; I can confirm that the head of the First Minister's Delivery Unit has been appointed, is an existing Deputy Director and has been seconded from a department within the Welsh Government.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog amlinellu'r cyfarfodydd a gafodd yn ystod y Pedwerydd Cynulliad a oedd yn gysylltiedig â sut y gall Cymru elwa o gynnal digwyddiad agoriadol Gemau Olympaidd 2012 Llundain. (WAQ57921)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the First Minister outline the meetings he has had during the Fourth Assembly linked to how Wales can benefit from hosting the opening event of the London 2012 Olympic Games. (WAQ57921)

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The First Minister: I have had no meetings on this matter. However, my officials are in regular discussion with the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games about how best Wales can benefit from hosting games in the qualifying stages of the football tournament.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pam mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi penderfynu peidio â chyhoeddi strategaeth sydd wedi'i hanelu at godi proffil Cymru yn ystod Gemau Olympaidd 2012. (WAQ57923)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Why has the Welsh Government decided not to publish a strategy aimed at increasing Wales' profile during the 2012 Olympics. (WAQ57923)

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The First Minister: While there is no published strategy specifically relating to the London 2012 Games, Event Wales, our major events strategy for Wales, sets out how we will use major international events to enhance Wales' international profile and reputation. One of the key actions flowing from Event Wales will be to support events which build on and connect to the opportunity presented by the London 2012 Games.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gamau mae'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu eu cymryd i roi sylw i bryderon trigolion lleol ynghylch signal ffôn symudol gwael yn Rossett, Wrecsam, ac ystyried bod gwestai lleol yn pryderu bod hyn yn cael effaith negyddol ar eu busnesau a bod cleientiaid busnes yn dweud mai diffyg signal ffôn symudol yw eu rheswm dros beidio â defnyddio'r gwestai. (WAQ57904)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What action does the Minister propose to take to address the concerns of local residents regarding poor mobile signal in Rossett, Wrexham, given that local hotels are concerned that this is having a negative impact on their businesses and business clients are citing the lack of a mobile signal as the reason for not using the hotels. (WAQ57904)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): We are working with mobile operators to encourage investment in areas where mobile coverage is poor, particularly where there is demonstrable demand.

We are also lobbying UK Government and Ofcom to mandate appropriate mobile phone coverage levels when it issues spectrum licences to mobile operators to reduce the prevalence of rural mobile notspots.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Sut mae'r Gweinidog yn sicrhau bod pob rhaglen uwchraddio band eang yn cael ei chwblhau o fewn y chwe mis cyn i'r cyllid gael ei dynnu'n ôl yn awtomatig. (WAQ57906)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): How is the Minister ensuring that all broadband upgrade applications are completed within the six month period before funding is automatically withdrawn. (WAQ57906)

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Edwina Hart: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the claim is submitted within six months of receiving an offer of funding from the Broadband Support Scheme. The offer letters clearly outline that all applicants have six months in which a claim must be made, or the offer is automatically withdrawn.

If an offer is withdrawn because it has expired, applicants are able to submit a further application to the scheme if they wish.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau y cytunwyd ar gysylltiad â'r rhwydwaith Fibrespeed, ac os na, pryd bydd yn debyg y caiff hyn ei gwblhau. (WAQ57907)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm that a connection to the Fibrespeed network has been agreed, and if not, when is it likely to be finalised. (WAQ57907)

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Edwina Hart: I am unable to provide an answer as the question is unclear.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pa gamau mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i hyrwyddo Dwyrain De Cymru fel cyrchfan i dwristiaid mewn marchnadoedd tramor. (WAQ57920)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What steps is the Minister taking to promote South Wales east as a tourist destination to overseas markets. (WAQ57920)

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Edwina Hart: Our new tourism marketing campaign aims to promote all the regions of Wales. Launched last month, it is a continuation of the 'Proper Holidays' initiative and although primarily targeted at our most important markets – of the UK and Ireland - it is being rolled out in our priority overseas markets.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa drafodaethau mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cynnal gyda Llywodraeth y DU ynghylch Dyfarnwr y Cod Cyflenwi Bwydydd. (WAQ57924)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What discussions has the Minister held with the UK Government regarding the Groceries Code Adjudicator. (WAQ57924)

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): 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
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Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Beth fydd yn disodli Uned Addysg Ariannol Cymru a'r gefnogaeth y mae wedi'i rhoi i ysgolion ac i golegau. (WAQ57905)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What will replace the Welsh Financial Education Unit and the support that it has given to schools and colleges. (WAQ57905)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): The Welsh Financial Education Unit (WFEU) set out a two-year programme of work, for 2009-2011. An independent evaluation of the Unit's progress has been undertaken, and the report on this work was published last month.

In light of the report's findings and recommendations, I have agreed that WFEU will continue to operate, implementing a further programme of support in partnership with local authorities, to embed financial education in primary and secondary schools.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu manylion cost darparu prydau ysgol am ddim yng Nghymru ar hyn o bryd a'r costau rhagamcanol ar gyfer y tair blynedd nesaf. (WAQ57919)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide details of the current cost of providing free school meals in Wales and also, projected costs for the next three years. (WAQ57919)

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Leighton Andrews: Information on the cost of providing free school meals is not collected by the Welsh Government. Responsibility for the provision of free school meals lies with the local authority, or the school governing body where the function has been delegated. Local authorities receive funding through the revenue support grant for the school meals service, which includes the provision of free school meals. It is for each local authority to determine how much it makes available for this purpose.

Mohammad Asghar (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pa drafodaethau mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu cael ynghylch dyfodol cyllid Llywodraeth Cymru i Go Wales. (WAQ57922)

Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What discussions has the Minister had regarding future Welsh Government funding for Go Wales. (WAQ57922)

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Leighton Andrews: GO Wales is run by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) and funded through the European Social Fund (ESF) with match funding from HEFCW, higher education institutions (HEIs) and employer contributions.

The current ESF funding for GO Wales comes to an end on 31 December 2011. HEFCW have made an extension request for ESF funding and discussions are underway between the Welsh European Funding Office and HEFCW regarding a project extension for a further three years (up to the end of 2014).

In the event that GO Wales does not receive further ESF support after 2011, then a reduced scheme is likely to continue to run with the costs met principally by HEFCW and HEIs.

We anticipate that negotiations will be likely to conclude by the end of September 2011.

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

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i wella effeithlonrwydd ynni domestig mewn cartrefi gwledig. (WAQ57925)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What plans does the Welsh Government have to improve domestic energy efficiency in rural homes. (WAQ57925)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): The Welsh Government has recently replaced the demand-led Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (HEES) with NEST/NYTH, a new, improved scheme that better targets fuel poor households and provides a wider range of measures to improve the energy efficiency of hard to treat homes, many of which are found in rural Wales.

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a yw Ove Arup and Partners Limited yn parhau i gael eu contractio ar sail barhaus i helpu i weithredu TAN 8 a materion cysylltiedig. (WAQ57928)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister confirm if Ove Arup and Partners Limited are still contracted on a continuing basis to assist in the implementation of TAN 8 and associated issues. (WAQ57928)

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John Griffiths: Ove Arup were contracted to undertake specific pieces of work to inform the development of TAN 8. They are not retained on a continuing basis and are not currently engaged by the Welsh Government on any aspects associated with TAN 8.

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau a yw goblygiadau TAN 8 wedi bod drwy ddadansoddiad cost a budd llawn ac a oedd hyn yn cynnwys effeithiau economaidd-gymdeithasol. (WAQ57929)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister confirm whether the implications of TAN8 have been subjected to a full cost-benefit analysis and if this included socio-economic impacts. (WAQ57929)

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John Griffiths: Planning Policy and guidance is not subject to Cost Benefit Analysis.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ac Arweinydd y Ty

To ask the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Faint o gyrff a noddir gan Lywodraeth Cymru sydd â 10 aelod o staff neu fwy sydd â'u pencadlys neu eu prif leoliad gweithredu ym Mro Morgannwg. (WAQ57916)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many Welsh Government sponsored bodies with a staff count of 10 or more, have their headquarters or primary location of operations based in the Vale of Glamorgan. (WAQ57916)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): There are no Welsh Government sponsored bodies with a staff count of 10 or more who have their headquarters or primary location of operations based in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Ar 1 Awst 2011, beth oedd brasamcan o werth ar bapur y tir sy'n berchen i Lywodraeth Cymru yn y Barri a beth yw'r brasamcan o nifer yr aceri. (WAQ57917)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): As of 1st August 2011, what is the approximate book value of Welsh Government owned land in Barry and what is its approximate acreage. (WAQ57917)

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Jane Hutt: The Welsh Government owns approximately 10.6 acres of land in Barry with a current book value of £425,000.

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau cyfanswm nifer y contractau ar wahân a ddyfarnwyd i Ove Arup and Partners Limited ar gyfer ac ar ran Llywodraeth Cymru o'r flwyddyn 2002 hyd yn hyn, gan nodi gwerth pob contract a chrynodeb byr o natur y gwaith a wnaethpwyd am arian cyhoeddus. (WAQ57927)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister confirm the total number of separate contracts awarded to Ove Arup and Partners Limited for and on behalf of the Welsh Government from the year 2002 to date, stating the value of each contract and a brief summary of the nature of the work undertaken at public expense. (WAQ57927)

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Jane Hutt: From the year 2002 to date 15 contracts have been awarded to Ove Arup and Partners Limited on behalf of the Welsh Government. A specific description of the value and nature of each follows. The prices quoted exclude VAT.

£48,000	Sustainability advice for the Welsh Government Llandudno Junction Office.
£20,312	Sustainability guidance for school design
£1,548,000	Commission for Consultancy Services in relation to the Cardiff International Airport and Culverhouse Cross Access Improvements.
£4,875	Production of draft Construction policy document.
£7,500	To develop an effective carbon reduction strategy and implementation plan for the Welsh Government estate.
£20,669	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – South East
£2,341	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – South East
£20,000	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – South East
£300	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – South West
£5,000	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – South West

£10,000	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – South West
£213,000	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – South West
£80,000	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – South West
£9,500	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – North
£6,200	Provision of Engineering Consultancy Services – North

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

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): A yw naill ai Age Cymru/UK neu Wasanaeth Brenhinol Gwirfoddol y Merched wedi cael grantiau gan Lywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ57902)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Have either Age Cymru/UK or WRVS received grants from the Welsh Government. (WAQ57902)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): The Welsh Government has funded £6.58m to Age Cymru since 2000 but has not previously funded WRVS.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu cyfanswm nifer y cleifion GIG Cymru a fu'n aros i ddechrau triniaeth ar gyfer pob mis ers dechrau cofnodi'r data. (WAQ57908)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): For each month since the data has been recorded, will the Minister provide the total number of Welsh NHS patients waiting to start treatment. (WAQ57908)

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Lesley Griffiths: Data on the number of Welsh NHS patients waiting for treatment is available on StatsWales and from October 2009 Referral to Treatment Times (RTT) for patients waiting at the end of each month on an open pathway.

RTT has in most cases superseded separate waiting times for the previously reported component waiting times; RTT also incorporates a number of patients that were not previously reported, and care must be taken when interpreting total waiting times prior to October 2009.

Full waiting times statistics from March 1997 and current RTT Waiting Times can be found under Health and Care in the NHS Hospital Waiting Times folder on the Stats Wales website www.statswales.wales.gov.uk

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Beth mae'r Gweinidog Iechyd yn ei wneud i wneud yn siwr bod manteision pendant ac amlwg yng ngofal pobl hyn mewn ysbytai yng Nghymru yn cael eu sicrhau, yng ngoleuni ymateb Llywodraeth Cymru i argymhellion 'Adroddiad y Comisiynydd Pobl Hyn, Gofal gydag Urddas'. (WAQ57909)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What is the Health Minister doing to ensure that tangible and demonstrable benefits in the care of older people in hospitals in Wales are secured, in light of the Welsh

Government's response to the recommendations in the 'Older People's Commissioner Report, Dignified Care'. (WAQ57909)

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Lesley Griffiths: I have instructed officials to establish or build on existing work programmes to ensure the recommendations are addressed. Activity to improve the quality and safety of individual patient's experience in hospital is well underway. Progress is reported to me at regular intervals. Examples include:

Implementation of the National Dementia Vision for Wales.

The Free to Lead, Free to Care group is steering a series of work programmes to improve the patient experience, eg continence care.

Every Health Board, Velindre NHS Trust and the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust, conduct Fundamentals of Care audits at least annually.

National work to determine ward indicators of care and all Wales electronic nursing dashboard, with strong links to the 1000 Lives Plus programme.

Healthcare Inspectorate Wales undertakes spot checks on dignity in hospital for older people.

Use of Patient Stories by boards as a means of learning and improving services.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Yn y pum mlynedd diwethaf, faint o faglau, fframiau cerdded a chadeiriau olwyn a roddwyd i gleifion, a faint cafodd eu dychwelyd neu eu casglu pan nad oedd ar y cleifion eu hangen mwyach. (WAQ57911)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): In the last five years, how many crutches, walking frames and wheelchairs have been issued to patients, and how many have been returned or collected once they are no longer needed by the patients. (WAQ57911)

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Lesley Griffiths: This information is not held centrally by the Welsh Government.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Ar gyfer pa wasanaethau bydd y GIG yn defnyddio darparwyr preifat. (WAQ57912)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): For which services does the NHS use private providers. (WAQ57912)

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Lesley Griffiths: The NHS in Wales uses private providers in a number of areas including care for people with mental health illnesses and learning disabilities and the supply of dialysis services. The NHS in Wales may occasionally use private facilities and/or providers where demand exceeds existing capacity, but this is done so in exceptional cases only.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Faint sy'n cael ei wario ar ddarparwyr iechyd preifat gan fyrrddau GIG bob blwyddyn. (WAQ57913)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): How much is spent on private health providers annually by NHS boards. (WAQ57913)

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Lesley Griffiths: The total expenditure by Local Health Boards (LHBs) on private health providers is published in the NHS (Wales) summarised accounts, which are laid annually before the National Assembly. The 2010-11 accounts were laid on 8 August 2011. The total expenditure in that year by LHBs on private providers was £33.599 million, which is included in note 2.2 of the Local Health Board Summarised accounts.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): I ba raddau mae'r Gweinidog Iechyd yn ymwneud â chamau a chynnydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn dilyn eu hymateb i argymhellion 'Adroddiad y Comisiynydd Pobl Hyn, Gofal gydag Urddas'. (WAQ57914)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): To what extent is the Health Minister engaged in Welsh Government action and progress following their response to the recommendations in the 'Older People's Commissioner Report, Dignified Care. (WAQ57914)

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Lesley Griffiths: I expect to receive progress reports from the various Welsh Government work programmes and from Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) at regular intervals. HIW will be monitoring how the Health Boards and Trusts are implementing their respective action plans as well as undertaking dignity spot checks.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau y bydd Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr yn gweithredu 26 argymhelliad Adolygiad Niwrowyddorau Gogledd Cymru, gan gynnwys yr ymrwymiad i recriwtio tri nyrs niwroleg arbenigol sydd â sgiliau cyffredinol cyn gynted ag sy'n bosibl i weithio ochr yn ochr â nyrsys sy'n ymwneud â chlefydau penodol. (WAQ57918)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm that Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will implement the 26 recommendations of the North Wales Neurosciences Review, including the commitment to 'recruit three generically-skilled neurology specialist nurses as soon as possible to work alongside disease-specific nurses. (WAQ57918)

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

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 20 Medi 2011

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Lesley Griffiths: The question related to the implementation of recommendations from the North Wales Neurosciences Review by Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board (LHB), including the

commitment to recruit three generically-skilled neurology specialist nurses as soon as possible to work alongside disease-specific nurses.

I am advised that Betsi Cadwaladr University LHB is continuing to carry forward its implementation plan for the outcome of the Review of Adult Neurosciences. The LHB has confirmed that the recruitment process for three generically skilled neurology nurses is underway, as part of its efforts to improve neurology services.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Pa gynlluniau sydd gan y Gweinidog i wella mynediad at wasanaethau canser y coluddyn yn yr ardal a wasanaethir gan Fwrdd Iechyd Lleol Prifysgol Caerdydd a'r Fro ac ystyried, yn y chwarter a ddaeth i ben ym mis Mawrth 2011, mai dim ond 63% o gleifion a gyfeiriwyd ag amheuaeth o ganser gastroberfeddol isel brys cafodd eu trin cyn pen 62 diwrnod. (WAQ57926)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What plans does the Minister have to improve access to bowel cancer services in the area served by Cardiff and the Vale LHB given that, in the quarter ending March 2011, just 63% of patients referred with urgent suspected lower gastrointestinal cancer were treated within 62 days. (WAQ57926)

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Lesley Griffiths: Tackling cancer continues to be a priority for the Welsh Government.

Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board is responsible for the delivery of services for patients living within its borders. The Welsh Government holds monthly performance meetings with the LHB, and cancer waiting times is a regular agenda item. However, care needs to be taken in interpreting official statistics, as these may be skewed by small numbers. In the quarter ending March 2011, five out of eight patients referred with urgent suspected lower gastrointestinal cancer began treatment within 62 days.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth
To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Ac ystyried bod Llywodraeth Cymru wedi dweud iddi dalu £49,856 i Big Issue Cymru, beth oedd diben y taliadau hyn a phwy oedd wedi'u hawdurdodi. (WAQ57903)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Given that the Welsh Government has reported that it paid £49,856 to Big Issue Cymru, what was the purpose of these payments and who authorised them. (WAQ57903)

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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Housing (Huw Lewis): I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Ar ôl pasio'r rheoliadau i ddechrau'r darpariaethau yn y Mesur Diogelwch Tân, a fydd proses i benderfynu ar y cyflenwyr a'r gosodwyr a ffefrir ar gyfer y cyfarpar rhwystro tân. (WAQ57910) *Trosglwyddwyd i'w ateb gan Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy*

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Once the regulations to initiate the provisions in the Fire Safety Measure have been passed, will there be a process for deciding on preferred suppliers and installers for the fire suppression equipment. (WAQ57910) *Transferred to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development*

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): Consideration of compliance and accreditation issues and the role of suppliers and installers of fire suppression equipment will form part of the work aimed at developing the detailed statutory instruments to support the Domestic Fire Safety (Wales) Measure 2011.

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

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): A all y Gweinidog egluro pam roedd cyllid strwythurol yr UE i awdurdodau lleol wedi disgyn o £52 miliwn yn 2007-8 i £8.3 miliwn yn 2009-10. (WAQ57890) *Trosglwyddwyd i'w ateb gan y Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth*

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Can the Minister explain why EU structural funding to local authorities fell from £52 million in 2007-8, to £8.3 million in 2009-10. (WAQ57890) *Transferred to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science*

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa lefel o arbedion cost mae'r Gweinidog yn disgwyl i awdurdodau lleol eu cyflawni bob blwyddyn, erbyn 2014. (WAQ57891)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What level of cost savings does the Minister expect local authorities to achieve by year, by 2014. (WAQ57891)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Medi 2011

Answer received for publication on 07 September 2011

The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): Through my discussions with local government, I have made clear my expectation that local authorities should have in place financial strategies that enable them to deliver the savings necessary to ensure the continued delivery of high quality public services whilst living within the financial resources available to them and avoiding placing undue pressure on the council tax payer. The Welsh Government continues to work with local authorities through a range of initiatives, including xchangelwales, to support them in delivering the necessary savings.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa ganran o waith sy'n cael ei roi ar gontractau allanol gan awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru ar hyn o bryd, ac a yw'r Gweinidog wedi cyhoeddi unrhyw ganllawiau i awdurdodau lleol gynyddu lefel y gwaith a roddir ar gontractau allanol. (WAQ57892)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What percentage of work is currently outsourced by local authorities in Wales, and has the Minister issued any guidance to local authorities to increase the level of work outsourced. (WAQ57892)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Carl Sargeant: This information is not collated centrally. Each local authority is responsible for determining the most efficient and effective arrangements for delivering the range of public services they are responsible for. This can include procuring services externally, but it also includes reconfiguring services and regional collaboration. Local authorities are encouraged to pursue value for money improvements in procurement by engaging with Welsh Government's Value Wales and through collaborative activity coordinated by the Welsh Purchasing Consortium and the North Wales Procurement Partnership.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Ac ystyried y bydd cyllid i gefnogi 'cymunedau a phobl' yn disgyn i £64.9 miliwn yn 2013-14, a wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu sut y caiff yr arbedion hyn eu cyflawni, a beth fydd effaith tebygol y toriad hwn ar wasanaethau. (WAQ57893)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Given that funding to support 'communities and people' will fall to £64.9 million in 2013-14, will the Minister outline how these savings will be achieved, and what impact this cut is likely to have on services. (WAQ57893)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Medi 2011

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Carl Sargeant: This information is contained in a paper I presented to the Communities and Culture Committee last November. The paper can be accessed on the following link:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-third-assembly/bus-committees/bus-committees-scrutiny-committees/bus-committees-third-ccc-home/bus-committees-third-ccc-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=203460&ds=11/2010/>

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): Faint o gymhorthdal sydd wedi cael ei dalu i weithredwyr bysiau er mwyn cludo pobl dros 60 oed am ddim ym mhob un o'r blynyddoedd ariannol canlynol: 2002-3, 2003-4, 2004-5, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2007-8, 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12. (WAQ57894)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): How much subsidy has been paid to bus operators for free carriage of over-60s, in each of the following financial years; 2002-3, 2003-4, 2004-5, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2007-8, 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12. (WAQ57894)

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Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): Faint mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn disgwyl y bydd ei pholisi teithio rhatach ar fysiau yn ei gostio ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd nesaf. (WAQ57895)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): How much does the Welsh Government expect its concessionary bus travel policy to cost in each of the next three years. (WAQ57895)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Medi 2011
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Carl Sargeant: We have agreed a three-year funding arrangement with local authorities and the Confederation of Passenger Transport, representing the bus industry, and we expect the cost of the scheme between 2011 and 2014 to be as follows.

2011-12 (£m)	2012-13 (£m)	2013-14 (£m)
69.000	71.100	73.200

These figures include local authorities' contributions derived from the actual and estimated Revenue Settlements for each year.

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): Faint o bobl sydd wedi manteisio ar gynllun teithio rhatach ar fysiau Llywodraeth Cymru ym mhob blwyddyn ers 2002. (WAQ57896)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): How many people have taken advantage of the Welsh Government's concessionary bus travel in each year since 2002. (WAQ57896)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

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Answer received for publication on 09 September 2011

Carl Sargeant: The number of pass holders has grown with the popularity of the scheme. The number of passes in circulation as at 31 March in each year is shown in the table.

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
245,841	428,135	480,038	531,057	554,103	582,303	587,517	610,560	620,411	651,579

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i godi trothwy cymhwyso ei pholisi teithio rhatach ar fysiau o 60 i 65. (WAQ57897)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): What plans does the Welsh Government have to raise the eligibility threshold of its concessionary bus travel policy from 60 to 65. (WAQ57897)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Medi 2011

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Carl Sargeant: We have already made it clear that we have no plans to raise the age of the entitlement to free local bus travel, which will remain at 60 or more years for residents in Wales.

Byron Davies (Gorllewin De Cymru): Pa gynlluniau sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i ymestyn ei pholisi teithio rhatach ar fysiau i bobl ifanc rhwng 16 a 19 oed. (WAQ57898)

Byron Davies (South Wales West): What plans does the Welsh Government have to extend its concessionary bus travel policy to 16 to 19 year olds. (WAQ57898)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 09 Medi 2011

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Carl Sargeant: The Welsh Government piloted a half-fare scheme for young people aged 16-18 in Bridgend and north east Wales. The pilot demonstrated that the cost of introducing such a scheme throughout Wales would be unaffordable in the current financial climate. We have no plans to introduce such a scheme for the foreseeable future, but have committed to retain our scheme for older and disabled people and to extend it shortly to seriously-injured service personnel and seriously-injured veterans.

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu diben y cymhorthdal ar gyfer yr ail drên 'cyflym' rhwng Caergybi a Chaerdydd. (WAQ57915)

Eluned Parrot (South Wales Central): Will the Minister please outline the purpose of the subsidy for the second 'express' train between Holyhead and Cardiff. (WAQ57915)

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Carl Sargeant: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be placed on the internet.

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 07 Medi 2011

Answer received for publication on 07 September 2011

Carl Sargeant: The purpose of the subsidy is to enable Arriva Trains Wales to provide an additional morning express limited stop train service between Holyhead and Cardiff, and an evening return, weekdays.

I am reviewing spending on all aspects of my transport portfolio to ensure that public money is used effectively and the level of resources are enhanced. I am prioritising the delivery of initiatives in the National Transport Plan, which includes the provision of these express train services. This will be completed in the autumn and it will be supported by a new spending plan.