

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 30 Ebrill 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 30 April 2012

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi ffigurau, wedi'u dadansoddi fesul gradd, ar gyfer a) cyfanswm nifer staff Llywodraeth Cymru; b) nifer staff Llywodraeth Cymru a gaiff eu pennu fel rheolwyr; ac c) nifer staff Llywodraeth Cymru na chânt eu pennu fel rheolwyr, gan roi ffigurau ar gyfer pob un o'r pedair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ60120)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide figures, broken down by grade, for a) the total number of Welsh Government staff; b) the number of Welsh Government staff who are classed as managers; and c) the number of Welsh Government staff who are not classed as managers, giving figures for each of the last four financial years. (WAQ60120)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): Staffing in the Welsh Government is a matter for the Permanent Secretary and I have asked her to write to you.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o nifer y staff a gyflogir gan Lywodraeth Cymru rhwng lefelau –rheoli Gradd 7 a Gradd 3. (WAQ60121)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide a breakdown of the number of staff employed by the Welsh Government between the managerial levels of Grade 7 and Grade 3. (WAQ60121)

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): O gofio pwysigrwydd y diwydiant gwyliau i Gymru, pa sylwadau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cyflwyno i Lywodraeth y DU ynghylch y newidiadau arfaethedig i drefniadau TAW ar gyfer carafanau statig. (WAQ60123)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Given the importance of the holiday industry to Wales, what representations has the Minister made to the UK Government regarding the proposed changes in VAT arrangements for static caravans. (WAQ60123)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): I refer you to my answer to WAQ60098.

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am sut y caiff y rhaglen Sêr Cymru ei symud ymlaen. (WAQ60127)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on how the Sêr Cymru (Stars Cymru) programme is being carried forward. (WAQ60127)

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Edwina Hart: We have already engaged with the vice-chancellors of research intensive universities in Wales and other partners and experts. In parallel with these consultations, advice on detailed implementation mechanisms is being prepared.

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

Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad yn amlinellu'r amgylchiadau hynny lle gallai llywodraethwr gael ei ddiarddel o fwrdd ysgol. (WAQ60126) W

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement outlining those circumstances where a governor may be expelled from a school's board. (WAQ60126) W

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Y Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau (Leighton Andrews): Mae Rheoliadau 27 i 30 o Reoliadau Llywodraethu Ysgolion a Gynhelir (Cymru) 2005 yn ymwneud â diswyddo llywodraethwyr oddi ar gorff llywodraethu ac yn nodi'r weithdrefn ar gyfer diswyddo llywodraethwyr. Y rheini sy'n gyfrifol am benodi llywodraethwyr sy'n gyfrifol am eu diswyddo. Er enghraifft, byddai'r awdurdod lleol yn gyfrifol am ddiswyddo'r llywodraethwyr a benodwyd ganddynt hwy. Dim ond y llywodraethwyr hynny a benodwyd gan y corff llywodraethu y caiff y corff llywodraethu eu diswyddo, hynny yw llywodraethwyr cymunedol, llywodraethwyr partneriaeth a rhiant-lywodraethwyr penodedig.

Nid yw'r rheoliadau yn pennu'r amgylchiadau pryd y gall llywodraethwr gael ei ddiswyddo. Mae hyn yn ddibynnol ar yr amgylchiadau yn lleol ac yn fater i'r corff penodi perthnasol benderfynu yn ei gylch. Lle na chafodd y llywodraethwr ei benodi gan y corff llywodraethu, gall y corff a'i penododd ystyried unrhyw sylwadau a gyflwynir gan y corff llywodraethu wrth ystyried p'un ai i ddiswyddo'r sawl a benodwyd ganddo ai peidio.

Nid oes darpariaeth yn rheoliadau 2005 i ddiswyddo rhiant-lywodraethwyr, athro-lywodraethwyr a staff-lywodraethwyr sydd wedi'u hethol.

The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): Regulations 27 to 30 of The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005 cover the removal of governors from a governing body, and set out the procedure for removing governors. Those who are responsible for appointing governors

are responsible for removing them. For example the local authority would be responsible for removing their appointed governors. The governing body may only remove its own appointees, these being community governors, partnership governors and appointed parent governors.

The regulations do not specify the circumstances where a governor may be removed. That is dependent on local circumstances and is a matter for the relevant appointing body to determine. Where this is not the governing body, the appointing body may take account of any representations from the governing body when considering whether to remove their appointee.

There is no provision in the 2005 regulations to remove parent, teacher and staff governors who are elected.

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

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am effaith y lefel isel anarferol a pharhaus o law ar fywyd gwyllt yng Nghymru. (WAQ60131)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the continuing unusually low rainfall on wildlife in Wales. (WAQ60131)

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The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths): Whilst rainfall levels in Wales during the winter were around the seasonal norm, rainfall levels in Wales this March were 20-30% lower than average. Water levels in some rivers in eastern Wales recently dropped below average. This raised concerns that some species of migratory fish would become more vulnerable to predation in the unusually shallow waters. However, as a result of recent increases in rainfall, river levels are recovering and there is little cause for long term concern if this trend continues. Following the dry period earlier this year, in which there was a risk of grass fires affecting wildlife, rainfall levels in upland and western Wales are now at or above normal, and this risk has passed. Ditch-blocking projects have helped upland peat areas to remain wet throughout the period of low rainfall, thus maintaining appropriate conditions for wildlife, livestock and water supplies.

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): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau cost flynyddol cyflogi staff Llywodraeth Cymru rhwng lefelau rheoli Gradd 7 a Gradd 3. (WAQ60122)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister confirm the annual cost of employing Welsh Government staff between the managerial levels of Grade 7 and Grade 3. (WAQ60122)

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The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (Jane Hutt): Staffing matters in the Welsh Government are delegated to the Permanent Secretary. I have asked Gill Morgan to respond to you directly.

*Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
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Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i sicrhau bod safbwyntiau pobl anabl yng Ngogledd Cymru yn cael eu hystyried yn ddigonol gan Lywodraeth Cymru. (WAQ60124)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What action is the Minister taking to ensure that the views of disabled people in North Wales are adequately considered by the Welsh Government. (WAQ60124)

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Jane Hutt: In developing the Welsh Government's Specific Equality Objectives, my officials held meetings with seldom-heard groups, engaging with a total of 180 people around Wales. Round-table events were held with key delivery partners in Cardiff, Port Talbot & Llandudno Junction. Officials also contributed to Equality and Human Rights Commission Equality Exchange regional events in Swansea and Wrexham. Disabled people from all over Wales were well-represented at these meetings and in the responses we received.

One of our Specific Equality Objectives is to tackle barriers and support disabled people so that they can live independently and exercise choice and control in their daily lives. A Framework for Action on Independent Living is being developed for completion this summer and we are working closely with Disability Wales on its development.

In accordance with the Wales Specific Equality Duties, we are also engaging, consulting and involving disabled people across Wales in the development of the Framework. Over 200 people have been directly involved in this process and information about these events was circulated widely via the networks of national and local disability organisations. Approximately 140 disabled people or representatives have attended the events, with 50 attending the two North Wales events.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi cost flynyddol cyflogi staff Llywodraeth Cymru a bennir fel Gradd 3 ac uwch, gan roi ffigurau ar gyfer y pedair blynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ60125)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide the annual cost of employing Welsh Government staff classed as Grade 3 and above, giving figures for each of the last four financial years. (WAQ60125)

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Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am weithredu Cynllun Gweithredu'r Strategaeth Cynnwys Ffoaduriaid. (WAQ60132)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the Refugee Inclusion Strategy Action Plan. (WAQ60132)

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Jane Hutt: I will be publishing an update on the implementation of the Welsh Government's Refugee Inclusion Strategy Action Plan in June 2012

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn galluogi cymunedau ffoaduriaid a chymunedau sy'n ceisio lloches i gymryd rhan mewn penderfyniadau allweddol o ran polisi a chyflenwi gwasanaethau. (WAQ60133)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): How is the Welsh Government enabling refugee and asylum seeking communities to participate in key policy and service delivery decisions. (WAQ60133)

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Jane Hutt: Enabling refugee and asylum seeking communities to participate in key policy and service delivery decisions forms a part of the Welsh Government's Refugee Inclusion Strategy Action Plan. I will be publishing an update on the implementation of this Action Plan in June 2012.

The Welsh Government's Inclusion Grant supports the work of the Welsh Refugee Council (WRC), enabling them to influence the development of policy in Wales. The WRC works with and engages extensively with asylum seekers and refugees and reflects their perspectives into its influencing of policy in Wales.

The Welsh specific equality duties include a duty to engage through involvement and consultation with people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. In drawing up its Strategic Equality Plan and Equality Objectives, the Welsh Government has undertaken wide engagement across Wales including representatives from refugee and asylum seeking organisations and communities. The Plan and equality objectives were published on 2nd April 2012 and the Welsh Government will continue to engage in order to strengthen its evidence base and monitor and assess outcomes from the equality objectives. This engagement will include asylum seeking and refugee organisations and communities.

Objective 7 of the Welsh Government's Equality Objectives is to 'Improve the engagement and participation of under-represented groups in public appointments'. This reflects the importance the Welsh Government gives to providing people with power and voice, ensuring that organisations' boards have a diversity of experience and views in decision-making and in providing role models.

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pa drafodaethau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cael ynghylch cynigion Llywodraeth y DU i roi cap ar dreth elusennau. (WAQ60136)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Welsh Government had regarding the UK Government's charity tax cap proposals. (WAQ60136)

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Jane Hutt: I have regular discussions with the UK Government about a wide range of financial issues affecting Wales. I met the Chief Secretary to the Treasury earlier this month. Amongst other things, we discussed the UK Government's March budget.

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

Lindsay Whittle (Dwyrain De Cymru): Faint o nyrsys arbenigol Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn sydd yng Nghymru fesul 250,000 o boblogaeth. (WAQ60116)

Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): How many specialist Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) nurses are there in Wales per 250,000 population. (WAQ60116)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): This information is not held centrally.

Lindsay Whittle (Dwyrain De Cymru): A yw nifer y nyrsys arbenigol Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn fesul pen y boblogaeth yn cydymffurfio â'r lefel a argymhellir a bennwyd gan y Grwp Safonau Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn. (WAQ60117)

Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): Are the number of specialist IBD nurses per head of population is in line with the recommended level set by the IBD Standards Group. (WAQ60117)

Lindsay Whittle (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pa asesiad sydd wedi'i wneud o sut y mae nifer y nyrsys arbenigol Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn yn effeithio ar allu byrddau iechyd i fodloni'r canllawiau a bennwyd gan y Grwp Safonau Clefyd Llid y Coluddyn. (WAQ60118)

Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): What assessment has been made of how the number of specialist IBD nurses affects health boards' ability to meet the guidelines set by the IBD Standards Group. (WAQ60118)

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Lesley Griffiths: Planning and delivering services for IBD in line with national standards, including nursing care, is a matter for Health Boards.

Lindsay Whittle (Dwyrain De Cymru): Pa fesurau sy'n cael eu rhoi ar waith i leihau amseroedd aros am driniaeth ar gyfer cleifion sy'n cael gwasanaethau gastroenteroleg. (WAQ60119)

Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): What measures are being taken to reduce treatment waiting times for patients accessing gastroenterology services. (WAQ60119)

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Lesley Griffiths: Welsh waiting times policy is for 95% of patients to wait less than 26 weeks from receipt of the referral in the hospital to the start of treatment, including the waiting time for specified diagnostic tests and therapies, with a maximum wait of 36 weeks. I expect all patients to be treated within this maximum waiting time, and in order of their clinical need. This includes gastroenterology as a clinical specialty.

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn codi ymwybyddiaeth o Syndrom Antiphospholipid (Syndrom Hughes), a'r driniaeth sydd ar gael. (WAQ60128)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): How is the Welsh Government raising awareness of Antiphospholipid Syndrome (Hughes Syndrome), and the treatment available. (WAQ60128)

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Lesley Griffiths: Anti-phospholipid syndrome (APS), also known as Hughes Syndrome, is a disorder of the immune system that causes an increased risk of blood clots and miscarriages. There is emerging evidence about this condition which, as with other new conditions, needs to be fully evaluated before authoritative information can be disseminated more widely. We await further research findings.

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cymorth a'r driniaeth i blant a phobl ifanc gydag ME yng Nghymru. (WAQ60129)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on support and treatment for children and young people with ME in Wales. (WAQ60129)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government has recognised more needs to be done in Wales for the diagnosis and treatment of ME, especially for children and young people. An NHS Wales status care pathway for ME has been developed and was published, in March 2011. I expect Health Boards to plan and deliver ME services for all patients in line with the care pathway.

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am nifer y bydwragedd yng Nghymru, ac a yw'r nifer hon yn ddigonol i gwrdd â'r galw. (WAQ60130)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the number of midwives in Wales, and whether this number is sufficient to meet demand. (WAQ60130)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government is committed to maternity services in the NHS in Wales and places a high value on midwives.

The latest figures, (September 2011), show that a whole-time equivalent number of 1,165 midwives was employed in Wales.

Numbers of student midwife places have increased over the past four years up to 2011, based upon a predicted increased demand for midwives in the future, due to anticipated retirement patterns of current staff and service model changes.

The number of midwives required is calculated by each Local Health Board and training places are allocated annually based on this need.

Information relating to the number of staff directly employed by the NHS in Wales is published and can be viewed at: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/health/staff-employed/?lang=en>. Further details are shown in StatsWales online tables at: <http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk>

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

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Pa mor llwyddiannus yw Llywodraeth Cymru o ran cyflawni ei hymrwymiad i gynyddu gallu ceiswyr lloches a ffoaduriaid i gymryd rhan yn y celfyddydau, chwaraeon a gweithgareddau diwylliannol a hamdden. (WAQ60134)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): How successful is the Welsh Government in delivering on its commitment to increase the ability of asylum seekers and refugees to participate in arts, sports and cultural and leisure activities. (WAQ60134)

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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): Increasing the ability of asylum seekers and refugees to participate in arts, sports and cultural and leisure activities forms a part of the Welsh Government's (WG) Refugee Inclusion Strategy Action Plan. The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House will be publishing an update on the implementation of this Action Plan in June 2012.

Within my own portfolio, Arts Council of Wales has ongoing relationships with the Welsh Refugee Council, contributing to the development of its arts strategy. They fund a number of projects aimed at increasing engagement with this group and many of its Revenue Funded Organisations have projects directly aimed at participation by asylum seekers and refugees.

The Sport Wales Community Strategy I recently launched focuses on creating better quality sporting opportunities which are more appealing to a greater variety of participants. I am extremely hopeful that the strategy will help to reduce any barriers and inequalities which may prevent participation.

Our public libraries provide free access to the internet and other resources, enabling communication with friends and families overseas. Many of the libraries also provide publications in differing languages and work with others to provide resources for those who's second language is English.

Rebecca Evans (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru): Sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn diwallu anghenion tai ceiswyr lloches a ffoaduriaid. (WAQ60135)

Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): How is the Welsh Government meeting the housing needs of asylum seekers and refugees. (WAQ60135)

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Huw Lewis: The Welsh Government is committed to meeting the housing needs of all its citizens. Advice and support on housing for refugees forms a part of the Welsh Government's Refugee Inclusion Strategy Action Plan. The Minister for Finance and Leader of the House will be publishing an update on the implementation of this Action plan in June 2012.

Asylum seekers only become eligible for homelessness assistance and social housing once they have been granted refugee status. The UK Border Agency provides support to asylum seekers in the form of accommodation for those on the dispersal programme, or subsistence for others who have found their own accommodation.

The aim of our Ten Year Homelessness Plan is that every refugee should have access to immediate support and advice once their application for asylum has been accepted.

We currently support the Welsh Refugee Council with £155,500 a year to deliver the Refugee Well Housing Project. The project aims to prevent homelessness by providing specialist housing advice as well as supporting and enabling refugees to move-on from UK Border accommodation to mainstream accommodation. From September 2011 to March 2012, the Refugee Well Housing Project helped 1228 individuals and families to find and keep suitable accommodation.