

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 10 Ebrill 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 10 April 2012

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[R] *yn nodi bod yr Aelod wedi datgan buddiant/signifies that the Member has declared an interest.*

[W] *yn nodi bod y cwestiwn wedi'i gyflwyno yn Gymraeg/signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.*

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi manylion yr holl drafodaethau y mae ef a'i Lywodraeth wedi'u cynnal gyda neu ynghylch Gamesa a'r posibilrwydd o sefydlu canolfan weithgynhyrchu fawr ar y môr yn y DU. (WAQ60068)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the First Minister provide details of all discussions he and his Government have held with or regarding Gamesa and the possibility of the establishment of a major offshore manufacturing base in the UK. (WAQ60068)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): Welsh Government officials held a meeting with Gamesa on 22 November 2012 which concerned onshore wind

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn ystod y cyfnod rhwng 2010 a 2011, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi manylion pa sylwadau a wnaeth Gweinidogion Cymru i Lywodraeth y DU ar gyfer datganoli pwerau sy'n ymwneud â phrosiectau ynni ar y tir dros 50MW. (WAQ60069)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): During the period 2010-2011, will the First Minister detail what representations Welsh Ministers made to the UK Government for the devolution of powers relating to onshore energy projects above 50MW. (WAQ60069)

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Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): During the period 2010-2011, will the First Minister detail what representations Welsh Ministers made to the UK Government for the devolution of powers relating to offshore energy projects above 50MW. (WAQ60070)

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn ystod y cyfnod rhwng 2010 a 2011, a wnaiff y Prif Weinidog roi manylion pa sylwadau a wnaeth swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru i Lywodraeth y DU ar gyfer datganoli pwerau sy'n ymwneud â phrosiectau ynni ar y tir dros 50MW. (WAQ60071)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): During the period 2010-2011, will the First Minister detail what representations Welsh Government officials made to the UK Government for the devolution of powers relating to onshore energy projects above 50MW. (WAQ60071)

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Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): During the period 2010-2011, will the First Minister detail what representations Welsh Government officials made to the UK Government for the devolution of powers relating to offshore energy projects above 50MW. (WAQ60072)

The First Minister: The Welsh Government has made numerous representations to the UK Government concerning the devolution of onshore and offshore energy consents. The former Minister for Environment Sustainability and Housing wrote to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change following the announcement of the abolition of the IPC and its merger into the Planning Inspectorate, stating our aim for the transfer of powers for energy consents to Wales. This was followed by correspondence with the UK Minister for Planning and Decentralisation, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

When the Prime Minister visited Cardiff in July last year, I raised the inefficiencies of the present arrangements for consenting energy projects in Wales. This was followed by a letter, copied to the Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, requesting a formal review by DECC to consider raising the current threshold for the devolution of consenting powers to Welsh Ministers.

We have also made representations on the disparities of Renewable Obligation Certificate (ROCs) levels across the UK, which consistently work to the disadvantage of Wales. We are seeking parity with Scotland and Northern Ireland in terms of common banding levels for the Renewables.

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa effaith fydd y penderfyniad i ollwng y cynlluniau i ddatblygu Wylfa B yn ei chael ar yr amserlen ac ar ddatblygiad Ynys Môn fel "Ynys Ynni" arfaethedig. (WAQ60066)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What impact will the decision to drop plans to develop Wylfa B have on both the timescale and the development of Anglesey as a proposed "Energy Island". (WAQ60066)

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The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart): Ynys Mon is a designated Enterprise Zone and we will continue to work with our partners to secure new investment and employment opportunities for the Island.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ymdrechion Llywodraeth Cymru i farchnata a hyrwyddo Parc Busnes Llanelwy yn Sir Ddinbych a Pharc Menai yng Ngwynedd. (WAQ70073)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government efforts to market and promote St Asaph Business Park in Denbighshire and Parc Menai in Gwynedd. (WAQ70073)

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Edwina Hart: Welsh Government properties at St Asaph Business Park and Parc Menai are marketed by Legat Owen, a commercial property agent appointed by the Welsh Government in June 2011.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth

To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cymorth sydd ar gael i gartrefu aelodau'r lluoedd arfog yn fuan iawn ar ôl iddynt adael y lluoedd arfog. (WAQ60074)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister provide an update on the support available for housing service personnel who have very recently left the armed forces. (WAQ60074)

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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): The Welsh Government has given its full commitment to delivering "The Nation's Commitment: Cross-Government Support to our Armed Forces, their Families and Veterans" (the Service Command Paper) issued by the Ministry of Defence in July 2008.

The Service Command Paper sets out a framework of action to remove disadvantage that service personnel may suffer as a result of service in the Armed Forces, particularly as a result of being required to move around the world; and support those existing and former members of the Armed Forces who have been injured in the service of their country.

The Welsh Government believes it is important that service personnel who have been seriously injured or disabled in action and who have an urgent need for social housing should be given priority within local authorities' allocation schemes in recognition of their service. This commitment is mirrored in the revised Code of Guidance for Local Authorities on Allocation of Accommodation and Homelessness on which we have recently consulted.

Local authorities and housing associations are asked to make service personnel a priority group within shared equity, low cost home ownership and intermediate housing schemes such as Rent First. The Welsh Government would like to see Social Housing Grant funded Do It Yourself Homebuy targeted at service personnel provided they meet the other eligibility criteria for the scheme. However, any lump sums paid to eligible members of the armed forces as a result of illness or injury are to be disregarded when assessing eligibility and sustainability.

Local authorities and housing associations should also prioritise (for low cost home ownership) the partners and ex-partners of service personnel whose housing problems resulted from events linked to service.

I have funded the development of a web-based resource which provides comprehensive information on services for veterans in each area which can be used to help prevent and alleviate homelessness. This service is operated by Cymorth Cymru, and will be updated on an annual basis. People leaving the armed forces are given priority under homelessness legislation to ensure they have somewhere to live on discharge. The Welsh Government is continuing to work the housing sector, the Veterans Welfare Service and the armed forces community to help veterans at risk of homelessness.

I hope the above information will provide you with some reassurance of my continued commitment to supporting service personnel and their families in providing adequate housing provision.

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

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Pa sylwadau a wnaeth y Gweinidog i Lywodraeth y DU cyn i'r ymgynghoriad ar HS2 ddod i ben ac ar wahân i'r Gweithdy Ymgynghori ar Reilffyrdd Cyflym yng Nghaerdydd. (WAQ60067)

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): What representations did the Minister make to the UK Government prior to the conclusion of the HS2 consultation and separate to the High Speed rail Consultation Workshop in Cardiff. (WAQ60067)

*Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 12 Ebrill 2012
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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): I did not make any representations to the UK Government prior to the conclusion of the public consultation exercise, although the Welsh Government previously had a number of discussions with the UK Government and met HS2 Ltd (which is owned by the Department for Transport) and our position was made clear. My officials represented the Welsh Government at the UK Government's High Speed Rail consultation workshop in Cardiff on 5 July 2011 where our position was restated.