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

**Ann Jones (Dyffryn Clwyd):** Pa asesiad y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ei wneud o Siarter y Gymanwlad? (WAQ65458)

**Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the Commonwealth Charter? (WAQ65458)

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**The First Minister (Carwyn Jones):** The Commonwealth Charter sets out important values and principles which the Welsh Government also supports. However matters relating to the Commonwealth, including the Charter, are the responsibility of the UK Government.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Diwylliant a Chwaraeon***  
***To ask the Minister for Culture and Sport***

**Nick Ramsay (Mynwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dyddiad penodol ar gyfer y canllawiau drafft sy'n ategu Bil Teithio Llesol Cymru? (WAQ65431)

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister provide a specific date for the draft guidance which supports the Active Travel Wales Bill? (WAQ65431)

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**The Minister for Culture and Sport (John Griffiths):** We intend to issue two sets of guidance as a result of the Active Travel (Wales) Bill. The first will be guidance on the design of walking and cycling infrastructure, to support local authorities in building safe and appropriate routes and facilities. The second will be guidance to support local authorities to implement the requirements of the Bill, such as standards for the maps and guidance on meeting the consultation requirements. I have committed to sharing early drafts of the guidance with Assembly Members before the conclusion of Stage 3 on 1 October, to assist in the scrutiny of the Bill. The final drafts of both sets of guidance will be issued for public consultation soon after the conclusion of Stage 4 of the Bill, reflecting any changes that the National Assembly makes to the Bill at Stage 3.

**Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** A yw'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu cyflwyno deddfwriaeth i gynyddu mynediad i ganwio ar afonydd? (WAQ65438)

**Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Is the Minister planning to introduce legislation to increase access for canoeing on rivers? (WAQ65438)

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**John Griffiths:** The Welsh Government has announced a review of existing legislation and guidance relating to access and outdoor recreation, which includes consideration of the current arrangements on inland waters.

The outdoors can accommodate a wide range of activities such as walking, angling, caving, canoeing, climbing, and wild swimming. Carried out responsibly, these activities can co-exist with each other and with land uses such as farming and forestry, and bring substantial benefits to Wales' economy. There is an appetite for greater opportunities for outdoor recreation, both to Wales' spectacular landscapes and waterways and on the door steps of where people live.

The aim of the review is to bring forward proposals that could secure better access to the outdoors for recreation, modernise and simplify the current regulatory framework, and provide clarity and certainty over where people can go and what they can do there. This will take forward the Programme for Government commitments to improve access to the outdoors and to legislate for the amount of land that is available for allotments. The review is taking place in discussion with interested parties across local authorities, user groups and land owning interests. A formal consultation on proposals which emerge from the review is planned to be published in December 2013.

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

**Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am wasanaethau bysiau yn ardal Bae Machynys – Pentre Nicklaus yn Sir Gaerfyrddin? (WAQ65425)

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on bus services in the Machynys Bay – Pentre Nicklaus area of Carmarthenshire? (WAQ65425)

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**The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart):** I would expect the relevant regional transport consortia and local authority to ensure that there is a good level of bus services provided across Wales.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog 1) nodi faint o fentrau masnachol y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi buddsoddi ynddynt a) fel partner gan gymryd cyfran ecwiti, a b) drwy sicrhau arian drwy ddyledebau, a 2) rhestru pob un o'r buddsoddiadau hynny a wnaed yn y pedwerydd Cynulliad? (WAQ65430)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister 1) state how many commercial enterprises Welsh Government has invested in a) as a partner taking an equity stake, and b) through securing funds via debentures, and 2) list each of those investments made within the 4th Assembly? (WAQ65430)

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**The First Minister (Carwyn Jones):** Details of joint ventures are contained in the Welsh Government Consolidated Accounts which are available via the Welsh Government website.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa drafodaethau y mae hi neu ei swyddogion o'i hadran wedi eu cael gyda Newport Unlimited am ei gais Ardaloedd Gwella Busnes (AGB), a pha amserlen y mae'r adran yn ei dilyn wrth ystyried cyflwyniadau gan geisiadau AGB arfaethedig? (WAQ65433)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister outline what discussions she or officials from her department have had with Newport Unlimited regarding their Business Improvement Districts (BID) application, and what timescale the department adhere to when considering submissions from proposed BID applications? (WAQ65433)

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**Edwina Hart:** I have not had any discussions with Newport Unlimited regarding their Business Improvement Districts (BID) application. Information on timescales for consideration of applications is available at [www.wales.gov.uk/Regeneration](http://www.wales.gov.uk/Regeneration).

**Nick Ramsay (Mynwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am faint o staff sy'n cael eu cyflogi yn y 'tîm eiddo' fel y disgrifir ar wefan [wales.com](http://wales.com)? (WAQ65444)

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister detail how many staff are employed in the 'property team' as described on the [wales.com](http://wales.com) website? (WAQ65444)

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**Edwina Hart:** Civil Servant appointments are a matter for the Permanent Secretary.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion cyfanswm y gyllideb gweithredu am y pum mlynedd ariannol diwethaf ar gyfer adran Masnach a Mewnfuddsoddi Llywodraeth Cymru, gan roi dadansoddiad fesul blwyddyn? (WAQ65445)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister detail the total operating budget for the last five financial years for the Welsh Government Trade and Inward Investment department, providing a breakdown per year? (WAQ65445)

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**Edwina Hart:** This information is currently being collated. I will write to you in due course with the details.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau y bydd y gwasanaeth rheilffordd bob awr ar reilffordd y Cambrian yn cael ei gyflawni erbyn 2015 fel y nodwyd yn flaenorol gan eich rhagflaenydd? (WAQ65450)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister confirm that the hourly rail service on the Cambrian Line will be delivered by 2015 as previously indicated by your predecessor? (WAQ65450)

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**Edwina Hart:** I outlined my plans regarding this matter in my written statement of 18 July.

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r dyddiad sydd wedi'i gynnig o ran pryd y bydd Aberconwy yn cael buddsoddiad mewn seilwaith band eang cyflym iawn fel rhan o Cyflymu Cymru? (WAQ65455)

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister provide a tentative date as to when Aberconwy will receive investment in high-speed broadband infrastructure as part of Superfast Cymru? (WAQ65455)

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**Edwina Hart:** Aberconwy is scheduled for Year 2 (2014 – 2015) of the Superfast Cymru programme. Information on exchanges going live will be published on a rolling basis via the Superfast Cymru website: [www.superfast-cymru.com](http://www.superfast-cymru.com).

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau*

*To ask the Minister for Education and Skills*

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Pa gymorth ariannol y mae Llywodraeth Cymru'n ei ryddhau i alluogi mynediad at ddosbarthiadau darllen gwefusau yng Ngogledd Cymru a sut y mae hyn yn cymharu â blynyddoedd blaenorol? (WAQ65416)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** What financial support is the Welsh Government making available to enable access to lipreading classes in North Wales and how does this compare to previous years? (WAQ65416)

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**The Minister for Education and Skills (Huw Lewis):** The Welsh Government has awarded the Wales Council for Deaf People over £200,000 (September 2012 to August 2015) to improve training in lip-reading provision across Wales. This funding is broken down into £55,500 for 2012-13; £86,000 for 2013-14; £48,000 for 2014-15; and £12,000 for 2015-16.

An additional 24 qualified lip-reading tutors (6 from each of north, mid, west and south-east Wales) will be trained by July 2014 and 3 regional Lip-reading Programme Co-ordinators appointed to drive service provision. Funding will also be used to undertake a pilot to push forward wider roll-out of lip-reading training provision by June 2015. Work will conclude with a comprehensive evaluation.

However, Welsh Ministers have limited powers in relation to how FE institutions operate. The Welsh Government provides Colleges with an annual allocation through a recurrent funding process but they are not directed as to which courses they must offer through this funding. Colleges are expected to review their curriculum offer each year in line with the Welsh Government's priorities for Further Education, together with local and national priorities and need; however as autonomous bodies, they have the authority to decide their own curriculum.

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa brosesau sydd ar waith i asesu pobl ifanc ag “anawsterau ymddygiadol” i sicrhau bod y camau gweithredu mwyaf priodol yn cael eu cymryd o ran eu hanghenion addysgol? (WAQ65417)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What processes are in place to assess young people with “behavioural difficulties” to ensure that the most appropriate actions are taken regarding their educational needs? (WAQ65417)

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**Huw Lewis:** All local authorities (LAs) in Wales must have due regard to the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice for Wales, which provides practical advice to them and schools on carrying out their statutory duties to identify, assess and make provision for children with SEN, which may include those with behavioural difficulties.

The LA will consider very carefully a child's progress at school and the guidance set out in the SEN Code of Practice for Wales. They will also take into account the views of the parents, the child and the school when considering a child's SEN.

The LA will consider on an individual basis whether interventions can be provided by the school and/or through help from external services, known as School Action Plus. However if these interventions do not enable the pupil to make adequate progress the LA may need to undertake a statutory assessment. If a statutory assessment is required the LA will consult a number of professionals for their views on the child and decide whether, after reviewing the information, a statement of SEN is required.

In addition, the law requires schools to have a written behaviour policy, which should set out explicit standards of behaviour and attendance. The Welsh Government's guidance, Inclusion and Pupil Support contains advice on creating, implementing and revisiting the school's behaviour policy, including the use of rewards, sanctions and support for pupils whose behaviour or attendance reflects significant learning or personal problems.

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa gyfrifoldeb ffurfiol sydd gan y consortia gwella ysgolion rhanbarthol am godi safonau mewn unedau cyfeirio disgyblion ac ysgolion arbennig? (WAQ65418)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What formal responsibility do the regional school improvement consortia have for raising standards in pupil referral units (PRUs) and special schools? (WAQ65418)

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**Huw Lewis:** Under the Education Act 1996 (sec 13A) each local authority in Wales has a duty to promote high standards and fulfillment of potential. The four regional education consortia were established to deliver shared school improvement services on behalf of their constituent local authorities. Whilst the statutory responsibility remains with local authorities, I expect the consortia to work together with local authorities to address the national education priorities to improve numeracy and literacy and reduce the impact of poverty on educational attainment across all settings, including PRUs and special schools. Consortia and their system leaders should challenge and monitor schools and local authorities, and broker the support necessary to achieve improved outcomes for all pupils, irrespective of their school setting.

The Robert Hill report on the 'The future delivery of education services in Wales' is currently out for consultation. The report includes a number of options that outline how consortia arrangements may be improved. Many of the activities and options described in the Hill report are already being taken forward through the national Improving Schools Plan and are not new.

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** Faint o'r argymhellion niferus a geir yn yr adroddiadau a amlinellir ar dudalennau chwech a saith o grynoded y Gwasanaeth Ymchwil o'r Bil Addysg Bellach ac Uwch (Llywodraethu a Gwybodaeth) (Cymru) sydd wedi eu gweithredu hyd yma? (WAQ65419)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** How many of the numerous recommendations contained in the reports outlined on pages six and seven of the Research Service summary of the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill have been implemented to date? (WAQ65419)

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**Huw Lewis:** The member is quite right in identifying there are numerous recommendations which have been suggested by the numerous reviews that have taken place, especially in relation to further education. The members will be aware that Welsh Ministers are progressing the Further and Higher Education Bill (Governance and Information), the purpose of which aims to provide FE corporations greater flexibilities to determine governance structures that will meet the needs of their learners and the wider community. These flexibilities will include, for example, determining the size of the governing body, its structure and committee structure.

By 2014 the landscape for FE governance will be defined, and my officials will be working closely with ColegauCymru and key stakeholders to develop a guide for governors. This guide will set out good practice, and will reflect many of the recommendations in the reviews.

In terms of the Membership Body suggested in the Humphreys Report which aims to ensure that the college has full engagement with its community including learners, customers, employers, other strategic partners and staff. This is now being piloted by the FE sector and the good practice and lessons learnt will inform the new guide for governors.

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** A fydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn cyhoeddi ymateb ffurfiol i adroddiad terfynol Ymchwil Gymdeithasol y Llywodraeth 37/2013 "Evaluation of Education Provision for Children and Young People Educated Outside the School Setting" (Adroddiad Caeredin) ac os felly, pryd y disgwylir cyhoeddi'r ymateb hwnnw? (WAQ65420)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Welsh Government be issuing a formal response the Government Social Research (GSR) final report 37/2013 "Evaluation of Education Provision for Children and Young People Educated Outside the School Setting" (The Edinburgh Report) and if so, when is that response expected to be published? (WAQ65420)

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**Huw Lewis:** We will publish our response to the Edinburgh University report by the end of October this year. This will take into account the recommendations in the Children and Young People's Committee Inquiry into Attendance and Behaviour which I will respond to later this month.

**Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Faint o fyfyrwyr sy'n hanu o Gymru yr effeithiwyd arnynt gan y cap ar fynediad i brifysgolion Cymru eleni? (WAQ65423)

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** How many Welsh domiciled students were affected by the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) this year on admissions into Welsh universities? (WAQ65423)

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**Huw Lewis:** Admission decisions are a matter for Universities. The Welsh Government does not hold data centrally on individual admission decisions.

**Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Beth yw polisi'r Gweinidog yn dilyn y penderfyniad a wnaed gan Brifysgolion Cymru i wrthod rhoi lleoedd i fyfyrwyr sy'n hano o Gymru am resymau ariannol, tra'n derbyn myfyrwyr o rannau eraill o'r DU? (WAQ65424)

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What is the Minister's policy following the decision made by Welsh Universities to refuse to give places to Welsh domiciled students for financial reasons, while accepting students from other parts of the UK? (WAQ65424)

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**Huw Lewis:** Admission decisions are a matter for universities not the Welsh Government. Higher education institutions should be recruiting students on the basis of their academic ability, not where they live, and I would not expect Welsh students to be unfairly disadvantaged by the recruitment policies of individual institutions.

**Nick Ramsay (Mynwy):** Pa weithgareddau penodol y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cynnig o dan y fframwaith cwricwlwm Gyrfaoedd a'r Byd Gwaith? (WAQ65432)

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** What specific activities does the Welsh Government propose under the Careers and the World of Work curriculum framework? (WAQ65432)

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**Huw Lewis:** The Welsh Government recognises the importance of good quality education delivered through the Careers and the world of work curriculum framework (CWW). This is a compulsory part of the curriculum for all pupils aged 11 to 16 and provides specific opportunities for all pupils to learn about the world of work.

Work-related education is also a core requirement for those young people aged 14-19 studying for the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification.

A key component of the CWW framework is 'understanding the world of work' and the emphasis is on learning through work-focused experiences that enhances an individual's future employability and preparedness for the world of work. The framework helps learners to:

- explore the attitudes and values required for employability and lifelong learning
- plan and manage their pathway through the range of opportunities in learning and work
- make effective career choices
- become entrepreneurial
- flourish in a variety of work settings
- become motivated, set long term goals and overcome barriers
- see the relevance of their studies to their life and work
- develop skills required by employers
- prepare for the challenges, choices and responsibilities of work and adult life.

Schools are best placed to tailor provision to meet the needs of their learners and communities and, therefore, decisions on the resources and materials to support the delivery of the curriculum in Wales is primarily a matter for individual schools, working in partnership with their regional consortia. The Framework provides schools with guidance when they are planning and delivering CWW.

The framework aims to ensure that the Careers and the World of Work curriculum offers young people the kind of insights that generate both realism and aspiration in terms of their future life. The framework stresses that coordinators in schools ensure that the CWW programme includes a wide range of teaching and learning experiences and environments, and including contributions from a variety of partners. These partners should include subject teachers/tutors making their own area of the curriculum relevant and



interesting by using the world of work as a context for learning. Equally it should involve Careers Wales, employers, entrepreneurs, advisers, parents, trainers and community groups offering relevant opportunities related to their own areas of expertise.

To support schools in delivering CWW, we have produced supplementary guidance on CWW and this document focuses on all activities and experiences that directly equip students in their understanding of and competence in the world of work. This includes work experience placements.

The Careers Wales Mark is central to the approach Careers Wales take to building the capacity of schools to deliver CWW. In their report 'Informed Decisions: The implementation of the Careers and the World of Work framework' (December 2012) Estyn note how preparing for the award helps schools to be clear about the specific services and support they need from partners.

**Nick Ramsay (Mynwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am faint o 'Gynghorwyr Datblygu'r Gweithlu' (a ddarperir o dan y Rhaglen Datblygu'r Gweithlu) sydd wedi'u darparu gan Lywodraeth Cymru i gwmnïau sydd wedi sefydlu busnes yng Nghymru, ynghyd â dadansoddiad o'r nifer a ddarparwyd fesul blwyddyn am y pum mlynedd diwethaf? (WAQ65435)

**Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister detail how many 'Workforce Development Advisors' (provided under the Workforce Development Programme) have been provided by the Welsh Government to companies who have established a business in Wales, together with a breakdown of the number provided per year for the last five years? (WAQ65435)

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**The Deputy Minister for Skills & Technology (Ken Skates):** The Department for Education and Skills has contractual arrangements in place, following an Official Journal of the European Union open tender exercise, with fifty nine Workforce Development Advisors.

The number of companies with a base in Wales that have received the services provided by the Workforce Development Advisors is detailed in the table below:

Whilst the overall number of businesses accessing support via the Workforce Development Advisor service has decreased since 2009/10, there has been an increase in micro businesses accessing workforce development support directly from the Welsh Government as a result of WDP Direct.

This facility was introduced to simplify, and quicken, the application process for the increasing number of micro businesses\* accessing workforce development support in instances where the more intensive advice available from the Workforce Development Advisor service was not required. It has also been accompanied by a substantial increase in the number of micro businesses contacting the Welsh Government Business Skills Hotline, for advice, guidance and information and those accessing support directly from the Welsh Government's Leadership and Management Development (LMD) Workshops.

Year	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Number of companies receiving WD Advisor support	1,397	2,183	1,104	707	700
Number of micro businesses* receiving WD Advisor support	440	1,042	293	86	22
Number of micro businesses* contacting the Business Skills "Hotline".	446	506	1,057	1,239	1,228

Number of micro businesses* supported under WDP Direct	0	0	186	179	197
Number of micro businesses* supported under the LMD Workshop programme	22	103	231	472	538

\*Micro businesses are defined for the basis of the information provided as businesses employing 9 or less members of staff.)

Data sourced from the internal management data from the Captavia CRMS Database

**Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am alwadau gan Addysg Uwch Cymru am adolygiad o sut yr ariennir Prifysgolion Cymru? (WAQ65457)

**Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Will the Minister make a statement on calls by Higher Education Wales for a review of how Welsh Universities are funded? (WAQ65457)

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**Huw Lewis:** I have noted the comments made by the new chair of Higher Education Wales about the funding of higher education.  
 The previous Minister for Education and I have said repeatedly that the current fees and funding policy is fully costed and is sustainable for the lifetime of this Government.

***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 ddatganiad am ganfyddiadau gan Gomisiynydd Pobl Hyn Cymru mai traean yn unig o bobl hyn sydd o'r farn bod eu gofalywyr yn gyfarwydd iddynt? (WAQ65412)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on findings by the Older People's Commissioner for Wales that only a third of older people consider their carers familiar? (WAQ65412)

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**The Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services (Gwenda Thomas):** Of those older people who participated in the Commissioner's study on homecare, 18% said their carers were often unfamiliar. Concerns like this arise when there are changes in care packages or care providers. We are addressing this with local authorities through our commissioning guidance and work to improve commissioning practice.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ddigonolrwydd yr hyfforddiant y mae gweithwyr gofalu yn ei gael cyn gallu gofalu am yr henoed? (WAQ65413)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the adequacy of the training that care workers receive before being able to care for elderly people? (WAQ65413)

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**Gwenda Thomas:** Employers are responsible for ensuring that care workers are suitably trained for their work. We are supporting this by contributing £8 million a year to fund training across the social care sector.

We also provide £10 million a year to fund the Care Council for Wales, the social care development body. It has produced an induction framework to ensure the sound preparation of new staff. It also supports an apprenticeship scheme to equip people to work in social care. A qualifications framework sets out the qualifications needed for social care staff and the Care Council has recently produced social care managers practice guidance which describes the responsibility of managers to induct, supervise and train their staff.

It is encouraging to note that qualification levels in the social care workforce have risen sharply through the last 10 years. However, we are interested in the quality as well as quantity of training and the government is working with the Care Council to consider additional measures to promote the quality of learning provision. We will also be ensuring that training is adapted to reflect the new ways of working set out in the Social Services and Well-being Bill.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi nifer y cwynion ysgrifenedig a gafwyd gan GIG Cymru ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd diwethaf, gyda dadansoddiad manwl o'r cwynion yn ôl y math a'r nifer a gofnodwyd gan bob bwrdd iechyd? (WAQ65434)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister give the number of written complaints received by the Welsh NHS in each of the last three years, with a detailed breakdown of complaint by type and the number recorded by each health board? (WAQ65434)

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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford):** Statistical data on the number of hospital & community health service complaints for 2010/11 is available from:

<https://stats.wales.gov.uk/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Performance/Complaints/HospitalAndCommunityHealthServicesComplaints-by-Organisation-Subject>.

Following the introduction of Putting Things Right in April 2011, each Health Board is required to publish an annual report providing a range of data on 'concerns'. For 2011/13 and 2012/13 this information is available from Local Health Boards directly and published on their websites.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi ffigurau ar gyfer nifer cleifion GIG Cymru y dyrannwyd llety gwesty neu gyfwerth iddynt ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd diwethaf, gan roi costau a ffigurau wedi'u dadansoddi yn ôl bwrdd iechyd lleol? (WAQ65436)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide figures for the number of Welsh NHS patients who have been allocated hotel or equivalent accommodation in each of the last three years, giving cost and figures broken down by local health board? (WAQ65436)

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**Mark Drakeford:** This information is not held centrally. This information can be obtained by contacting NHS organisations.

**Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi rhestr o'r holl driniaethau llawfeddygaeth gosmetig sydd ar gael i gleifion ar GIG Cymru, gan roi dadansoddiad manwl o nifer y triniaethau a gynhaliwyd ym mhob un o'r tair blynedd diwethaf? (WAQ65437)

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide a list of all cosmetic surgery procedures available to patients on the Welsh NHS, giving a detailed breakdown of the number of procedures carried out in each of the last three years? (WAQ65437)

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**Mark Drakeford:** The NHS in Wales does not fund procedures for purely cosmetic reasons. It does fund procedures that could be classed as cosmetic but would only carry them out if there is a clinical or psychological need.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** Faint o'r Bilsen Bore Wedyn sydd wedi'i dosbarthu gan fferyllwyr yng Nghymru dros y chwe blynedd diwethaf ac a allwch roi dadansoddiad o'r ystadegau hynny fesul ardal awdurdod lleol? (WAQ65447)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** How many Morning After Pills have been distributed by Welsh chemists over the past 6 years and can you provide a breakdown of those statistics by local authority area? (WAQ65447)

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**Mark Drakeford:** The information you have requested is detailed in Tables 1 and 2:

Table 1 shows the total number of prescription items for emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) dispensed by community pharmacies in Wales from 2009-10 to 2012-13. Details of age are not available for this data.

Table 2 shows the supply of EHC by community pharmacies from 2011-12 to 2012-13 by age group of recipient. This data was obtained from community pharmacies that provide the national advanced service which allows them to supply EHC to eligible individuals. Details of age are available for this data and are presented. The EHC service was introduced in April 2011; the data presented reflects this and is collated at LHB level and not local authority.

This information is based on data received from NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership, is classified as management information and has not been published. The data has been prepared to answer your question but has not gone through the additional statistical validation or interrogation that is normally required for official statistics outputs.

*Ar gyfer y tabl Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad*  
*For table see Further Information to Written Assembly Questions*

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am faint o'r Bilsen Bore Wedyn a ddosbarthwyd gan nyrsys yn ysgolion uwchradd Cymru yn y chwe blynedd diwethaf, wedi'u dadansoddi fesul ardal awdurdod lleol? (WAQ65448)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister detail how many Morning After Pills have been distributed by nurses in Welsh secondary schools in the last 6 years, broken down by local authority area? (WAQ65448)

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**Mark Drakeford:** I have asked the Chief Nursing Officer to write to you once data has been collected from service providers. This practice is limited to certain parts of Wales and not carried out routinely in the majority of secondary school settings.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A fu cynnydd mewn clefydau a drosglwyddir yn rhywiol ers 1 Ebrill 2011? (WAQ65449)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Has there been an increase in sexually transmitted diseases since 1 April 2011? (WAQ65449)

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**Mark Drakeford:** Yes, there appears to have been an increase in sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Wales since 1 April 2011. Quarterly figures from Public Health Wales show the number of individuals who tested positive for gonorrhoea has increased and percentages show a small rise from 0.6% to 1% since April 2011 to the last quarter (April 2013 to end of June 2013). At the same time, there has been an increase in the number of tests carried out, rising from 24,909 in the first quarter of 2011/12 to 32,714 in the first quarter of this financial year (an increase of 7,805). Overall the increase in people coming forward for testing is to be welcomed as it enables appropriate treatment to be given. It should also be noted the increase in positive tests may have been influenced by the sensitivity of a new laboratory test introduced towards the end of 2011.

The number of individuals testing positive for chlamydia has also increased but so have the number of individuals tested and the percentage levels remain quite level (a small increase from 6% to 7% since April 2011).

The number of syphilis cases reported per quarter has fluctuated with an increase in the first quarter of 2013/14 to 30 cases in the whole of Wales. The general trend has varied from quarter to quarter and this may be the result of natural variation in very small numbers of cases rather than representative of a generalised increased spread across the population.

Annual surveillance reports on HIV and STI trends in Wales are published on the Public Health Wales website: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=457&pid=27846>

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Pa weithdrefnau monitro a benderfynwyd yn ganolog, os o gwbl, sydd ar waith i sicrhau safonau uchel o lendid mewn ysbytai yng Nghymru? (WAQ65451)

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** What centrally determined monitoring procedures, if any, are in place to ensure high standards of cleanliness in Welsh hospitals? (WAQ65451)

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**Mark Drakeford:** The National Standards for Cleanliness for NHS Trusts in Wales were updated at the end of 2009 as part of the final report, Free to Lead, Free to Care.

In line with these new standards the Welsh Government purchased an all-Wales monitoring tool for cleanliness. This was to assist and support the ward sister/charge nurse in maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness in their wards. Monitoring undertaken by the domestic supervisor should be 'signed off' by the ward sister/charge nurse.

The company appointed to provide the monitoring tool is Pierce Management Services Ltd and over the last few years Health Boards/Trusts have made steady progress with enhancing the tool and have been looking at other mobile devices such as Android and iPads. Audit scores by each Health Board/Trust are reported annually via the Estates Facilities Performance Management System for each hospital and are published at the end of each calendar year.

Supplementary to Health Boards/Trusts monitoring cleanliness, Community Health Councils visit hospitals and report on the state of cleanliness, as does Healthcare Inspectorate Wales.

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi amseroedd aros, yn ôl pob Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol, i gael mynediad at wasanaethau therapi lleferydd ac iaith yng Nghymru? (WAQ65452)

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister provide waiting times, broken down by each Local Health Board, to access speech and language therapy services in Wales? (WAQ65452)

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**Mark Drakeford:** This information is available on the StatsWales website by clicking on the link below:-

<https://statswales.wales.gov.uk/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Hospital-Waiting-Times/Diagnostic-and-Therapy-Services>

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi amseroedd aros, yn ôl pob Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol, i gael mynediad at wasanaethau cwnsela iechyd meddwl yng Nghymru? (WAQ65453)

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister provide waiting times, broken down by each Local Health Board, to access mental health counselling services in Wales? (WAQ65453)

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**Mark Drakeford:** This information is not held centrally. This information can be obtained by contacting NHS organisations.

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am drafodaethau y mae wedi eu cael gyda Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr ac Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru ynglyn â'r achosion diweddar o salmonela yng Ngogledd Orllewin Cymru? (WAQ65454)

**Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister provide an update on discussions he has had with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Public Health Wales regarding the recent salmonella outbreak in North West Wales? (WAQ65454)

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**Mark Drakeford:** Information from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Public Health Wales (PHW) confirms that the recent salmonella outbreak in North West Wales is now being pursued as part of a wider investigation in England and Wales and is being conducted by Public Health England (PHE), Public Health Wales, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and environmental health officers from several local authorities.

As of 6 September a total of 21 confirmed cases in Wales and 17 in England have been reported, with 9 of the cases known to have required hospitalisation (5 of which were in Wales and all 5 cases have recovered). Other potential cases are being investigated in both countries. The outbreak was first detected in Wales in August and mainly centred in North Wales (Conwy and Gwynedd). The source of the outbreak has not been confirmed and a number of lines of enquiry are still being investigated. Samples of food implicated in the outbreak have been analysed but results to date have been negative for Salmonella and detailed investigations are on-going.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai ac Adfywio*

*To ask the Minister for Housing and Regeneration*

**William Powell (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ65330, a wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu pa amserlen sydd wedi'i chaniatáu er mwyn i chi ystyried yr holl wybodaeth am Lower Leighton Farm? (WAQ65421)

**William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Further to the answer to WAQ65330, will the Minister outline what timeframe has been allowed for your consideration of all information relating to Lower Leighton Farm? (WAQ65421)

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**The Minister for Housing and Regeneration (Carl Sargeant):** I am still considering the merits of this application for planning permission and will issue my decision on it as soon as I can.

**Simon Thomas (Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru):** Beth oedd diben y grant cyfalaf a roddwyd gan gyfarwyddiaeth Dyfodol Cynaliadwy i Anglesey Boat Company Limited? (WAQ65426)

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What was the purpose of the capital grant provided by the Sustainable Futures directorate to Anglesey Boat Company Limited? (WAQ65426)

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**Carl Sargeant:** In 2011 the Mon a Menai Project Board considered a funding application from the Anglesey Boat Company concerning the redevelopment of "Gallows Point", a prominent site at the entrance to Beaumaris. Financial support was requested to enable the construction of a cluster of 9 quality

marine business units for boat repair, maintenance and construction, with a floor space of 767m<sup>2</sup> creating accommodation for up to 20 jobs.

A Property Development Grant of £300,000 was approved, based on an assessment of the project outcomes alongside an independent report on the gap between the cost of providing the units and their subsequent market value. The units are now complete and all nine have been occupied.

**Mike Hedges (Dwyrain Abertawe):** A fydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn argymhell bod cynghorau lleol yn cynnal asesiad o'r effaith amgylcheddol cyn rhoi caniatâd i ffracio hydrolog gael ei gynnal? (WAQ65428)

**Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Welsh Government be recommending that local councils undertake an environmental impact assessment prior to giving permission for hydraulic fracking to take place? (WAQ65428)

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**Carl Sargeant:** Minerals Planning Policy Wales explains to local planning authorities when environmental impact assessment procedures are required for mineral development, such as gas extraction through hydraulic fracking. Depending on the nature and scale of the proposal, planning applications for proposed gas extraction projects may fall within the descriptions set out in schedules one or two of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999. Projects that fall within schedule one automatically require environmental impact assessment. Those that fall within schedule two require environmental impact assessment if they are likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

**Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa gynlluniau ac amserlenni sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer cyllido ardaloedd adnewyddu tai? (WAQ65439)

**Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** What plans and timescales does the Welsh Government have for the funding of housing renewal areas? (WAQ65439)

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**Carl Sargeant:** The Housing White Paper made clear our commitment to link Renewal Area and regeneration funding more closely together. We are continuing to support renewal areas up to 2016-17 for existing renewal areas and from 2017-18 local authorities can choose to bid for funding for Renewal Areas under the Vibrant and Viable Places Programme.

**Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru):** Sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu sicrhau bod ardaloedd adnewyddu tai presennol yn cael eu cwblhau a bod eu buddion yn cael eu hymgorffori'n gynaliadwy? (WAQ65440)

**Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** How is the Welsh Government planning to ensure that existing housing renewal areas are completed and that their benefits are embedded sustainably? (WAQ65440)

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**Carl Sargeant:** We are continuing to support renewal areas up to the 2016-17 financial year. Local authorities will need to ensure that the benefits of this funding are embedded sustainably. The principles of sustainability are central to the purposes of Welsh Government funding for renewal areas.

**Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru):** Sut y bydd 'Lleoedd Llewyrchus Llawn Addewid', fframwaith adfywio Llywodraeth Cymru, yn effeithio ar ardaloedd adnewyddu tai? (WAQ65441)

**Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** How will funding for housing renewal areas be affected by 'Vibrant and Viable Places', the Welsh Government regeneration framework? (WAQ65441)

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**Carl Sargeant:** Funding has been made available to support existing renewal areas up to 2016-17. From that point onwards funding for renewal areas will be considered under the Vibrant and Viable Places Programme.

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad ynghylch a roddir unrhyw flaenoriaeth i gyn-filwyr rhyfel anabl ar gyfer tai cymdeithasol a beth yw natur y flaenoriaeth honno? (WAQ65456)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on whether any priority is given to disabled war veterans for social housing and what the nature of that priority is? (WAQ65456)

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**Carl Sargeant:** Persons who have served in the regular Armed Forces and have been homeless since leaving the forces are recognised as being in priority need. Our guidance to local authorities reflects this. Local authorities are able to give preference to applicants who need accommodation as a result of leaving the armed forces, or to those who require suitable adapted accommodation because of needs created as a result of their armed forces service. Service personnel and ex-service personnel are also prioritised for Homebuy shared equity housing.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth*  
*To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business*

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am ba gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu eu cymryd i gynyddu'r achosion lle rhoddir gwybod am bapurach twyll? (WAQ65414)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on what action the Welsh Government plans to take to increase reporting of scam mail? (WAQ65414)

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi manylion am yr hyn y mae'n ei wneud i gynyddu ymwybyddiaeth o beryglon papurach twyll ymhlith pobl hyn? (WAQ65415)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister provide details of what she is doing to increase awareness amongst older people of the dangers of scam mail? (WAQ65415)

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**The Minister for Local Government and Government Business (Lesley Griffiths):** I have no plans for action specifically to raise awareness of the danger of mail scams. However, we are continuing the work on our Programme for Government commitment to support the extension of no cold call zones which seek to protect householders from unwanted callers and rogue traders. We will take any opportunities which may arise in the course of this work to promote messages about the dangers of mail scams. In addition one of the outcomes that the Strategy for Older People, Living Longer, Ageing Well, aims to achieve is to protect older people from abuse, including scams and fraud, by ensuring that they have good access to information, support and advice. We have already established links with Age Cymru and intend to engage with the Older People's Commissioner as part of our work to combat cold calling and rogue traders.

**Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am ddatblygu a gweithredu Cerdyn y Lluoedd Arfog ar gyfer Cymuned y Lluoedd Arfog yng Nghymru? (WAQ65446)

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister provide an update on the development and implementation of an Armed Forces Card for the Welsh Armed Forces Community? (WAQ65446)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** A Task and Finish Group has been established to review the case for the introduction of an Identity Card in Wales and how it might support access to public services.

The Group will present a final report in December.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyfoeth Naturiol a Bwyd***  
***To ask the Minister for Natural Resources and Food***

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** Mewn perthynas â'r ymgynghoriad ar ddiwygio'r Polisi Amaethyddol Cyffredin ar daliadau uniongyrchol, pryd y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn rhyddhau gwybodaeth sy'n dangos lle y bydd y ffiniau rhostiroedd yn cael eu lleoli o dan fodolau categori tir dau a thri? (WAQ65422)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** In relation to the current CAP reform consultation on direct payments, when will the Welsh Government release information showing where the moorland boundaries will be located under the proposed two and three land category models? (WAQ65422)

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**The Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Alun Davies):** The Welsh Government is in the process of publishing an improved map on its website that will show, for illustrative purposes, where the moorland area might be in relation to land parcel boundaries. This should allow people to see in more detail on an Ordnance Survey map at a 1:25,000 scale where the boundary is and will provide a much better illustration of the concept and how it might affect them.

The Welsh Government is arranging for ADAS to undertake an updating exercise and we expect to have a revised map ready by early 2014.

**Mike Hedges (Dwyrain Abertawe):** Pa bwerau, os o gwbl, sydd gan Lywodraeth Cymru dros ffracio hydrologig? (WAQ65427)

**Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** What powers, if any, does the Welsh Government have over hydraulic fracking? (WAQ65427)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 13 Medi 2013***

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**Alun Davies:** The granting of UK exploration licences, well consents and field development consents for unconventional gas are matters for the UK Government.

Planning in relation to Unconventional Oil and Gas onshore in Wales is devolved, and therefore in the first instance will fall to Local Planning Authorities to determine applications in accordance with their development plan and national planning policy.

In Wales national planning policy is contained in both Planning Policy Wales (PPW) and Minerals Planning Policy Wales (MPPW), which provides detailed policy advice. While recognising there is a need to evaluate the potential of unconventional gas as an energy source, this has to be done with full consideration of all the available evidence relating to both the exploration and potential extraction of the resource.

Controls are also provided through other regulatory bodies such as Natural Resources Wales, which provide safeguards for both the environment and society.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ65357, a wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu costau disgwylidig yr argymhellion ar gyfer cymryd camau pellach yn erbyn phytosphora ramorum a gyflwynwyd gan Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru? (WAQ65429)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Further to the answer to WAQ65357, will the Minister outline the expected costings of the recommendations for further action against phytosphora ramorum submitted by Natural Resources Wales? (WAQ65429)

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**Alun Davies:** Welsh Government is working with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and representatives of the private forestry sector through the Wales Tree Health Steering Group to produce a long term strategy for managing Phytosphora ramorum in Wales.

The strategy is still under development and this includes working up costed options based on the recommendations submitted by NRW. The breakdown of the costings will be available by the end of September.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** O ran cynllun Rheoli Coetiroedd Glastir, a wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi (a) nifer y ceisiadau ar ffurf ffurflenni Mynegi Diddordeb a gyflwynwyd rhwng mis Ebrill 2013 a 31 Gorffennaf 2013, a (b) faint o'r ceisiadau hyn a oedd yn llwyddiannus yn y rownd ddethol hon? (WAQ65442)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Regarding the Glastir Woodland Management scheme, will the Minister state (a) the number of applications in the form of Expression of Interest forms (EoI) which were submitted from April 2013 until 31st July 2013, and (b) how many of these applications were successful in this round of selection? (WAQ65442)

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**Alun Davies:** 212 Expressions of Interest were received for Glastir Woodland Management by 31 July 2013. The selection of Expressions of Interest for Glastir Woodland Management for contracts to be in place for January 2015 is due to take place later this year.

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** O ran cynllun Creu Coetiroedd Glastir, a wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi (a) faint o geisiadau am grantiau Creu Coetiroedd Glastir a wnaed hyd yma, a (b) faint o'r rhain a fu'n llwyddiannus? (WAQ65443)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Regarding the Glastir Woodland Creation scheme, will the Minister state (a) how many applications for Glastir Woodland Creation grants have been made to date, and (b) how many of these have been successful? (WAQ65443)

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**Alun Davies:** To date there have been 883 applications to enter Glastir Woodland Creation. Of these, 557 applications have been approved.