

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 29 Mehefin 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 29 June 2011

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

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa gynlluniau sydd gan y Gweinidog i sicrhau bod prifysgolion yn cael eu hysgogi i ddarparu cyrsiau meddygaeth, gwyddoniaeth a pheirianeg sy'n costio mwy na £9000 y flwyddyn i'r brifysgol eu cynnal. (WAQ57556)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What plans does the Minister have to ensure that universities are incentivised to provide medicine, science and engineering courses that cost more than £9000 per annum for the university to provide. (WAQ57556)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): My officials continue to work with HEFCW on a range of positive interventions to promote national strategic priorities, such as STEM. For example, HEFCW has joined the National STEM Programme and is investing £1m over three years from 2009/10 across a range of activities in all the main STEM areas.

HEFCW funding recognises both the additional costs and the strategic importance of STEM subjects through higher units of funding for STEM. In 2010/11, the Council approved the introduction of a STEM incentivisation redistribution process and the commitment of £250k for this purpose.

The new arrangements for student finance and fees in Wales from 2012/13 enable providers of higher education to charge tuition fees up to £9,000 per annum from 2012/13 provided that they have in a place a fee plan approved by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW).

The new student support package will entail a shift in the balance of teaching funding in Wales to mainly student fee-led. There will be a balance of funding which will remain with HEFCW and which will become a new Public Investment Fund. That Fund will support activity which reflects priorities set out in our HE strategy, For our Future. In my Remit Letter I have asked HEFCW to develop a new funding approach for this Public Investment Fund to take effect from 2012/13 and I expect the Council to continue to focus on the increased delivery of subjects of strategic importance, including Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu cyfanswm costau'r cynllun brechwast am ddim mewn ysgolion dros y 3 blynedd diwethaf ac amcangyfrif o gyfanswm y costau ar gyfer y 2 flynedd nesaf. (WAQ57568)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide the total costings for the free school breakfast scheme for the past 3 years and the projected total costings for the next 2 years. (WAQ57568)

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Leighton Andrews: 2008/09: £8.3m

2009/10: £9.6m

2010/11: Figures for 2010-11 have not yet been finalised. Based on current information we anticipate total spend for the primary school free breakfast initiative for 2010-11 to be around £11.3m.

Projected total costings: From the outset, the Welsh Government has made clear that participation in the scheme is voluntary and that we will provide the necessary funding for those schools and children who wish to do so. Provision for free breakfasts is demand-led. The Assembly Budget for the next 2 years includes provision for this initiative as follows:

2011-12 £10.7m
2012-13 £12.7m – this is indicative until the outcome of the Resource Assessment Exercise 2011 and approval of the Final Budget in early 2012.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): Faint o blant sy'n manteisio ar y cynnig i gael brechwast am ddim mewn ysgolion. (WAQ57569)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many children take up the offer of free school breakfasts. (WAQ57569)

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Leighton Andrews: The 2010 School Census showed that, in the week prior to the Census, 51,638 or 31.1% of pupils at participating schools took at least one free breakfast.

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Beth oedd cyfanswm nifer y cwn a roddwyd i gysgu gan awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru yn ystod y pum mlynedd diwethaf oherwydd nid oedd modd eu dychwelyd i'w perchnogion, ac a wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r wybodaeth hon fesul awdurdod lleol.(WAQ57559)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What was the total number of dogs euthanized by local authorities in Wales during the last five years because they could not be returned to their owners and will the Minister provide this information by local authority.(WAQ57559)

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John Griffiths: This information is not held centrally.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o ba mor ddigonol yw'r adnoddau a neilltuir (a) i awdurdodau lleol a (b) gan awdurdodau lleol ar gyfer gwasanaethau cwn strae yng Nghymru. (WAQ57560)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What assessment has the Minister made of the adequacy of resources allocated (a) to and (b) by local authorities for stray dog services in Wales. (WAQ57560)

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John Griffiths: Since the introduction of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act on 6 April 2008, the responsibility for stray dogs falls to local authorities in England and Wales. To support this

legislative change, additional funding of £326,000 has been made available to local authorities via the Revenue Support Grant (RSG). In addition to this funding each local authority is able to claim £25 plus expenses from the owner of each stray dog reclaimed.

The allocation of resources from the RSG for stray dog services in Wales is a matter for each individual local authority to determine based on the local level of service required.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud yn ddiweddar o effeithiolrwydd Deddf Bridio Cwn 1973 fel y'i diwygiwyd. (WAQ57564)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What recent assessment has the Minister made of the effectiveness of the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 as amended. (WAQ57564)

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John Griffiths: Responses to the recent consultation to amend Dog Breeding legislation where demonstrated a consensus that animal welfare standards need to improve. I made a statement on June 28th regarding my future intentions.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa gyllid y mae Adran y Gweinidog yn ei ddarparu i awdurdodau lleol i archwilio tai allan sefydliadau bridio dan Ddeddf Bridio Cwn 1973 fel y'i diwygiwyd. (WAQ57563)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What funding does the Minister's Department provide to local authorities to inspect outbuildings for breeding establishments under the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 as amended. (WAQ57563)

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John Griffiths: The Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 allows for a recovery of reasonable costs incurred by local authorities in connection with the administration and enforcement..

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud yn ddiweddar o achosion o fridio cwn yn anghyfreithlon mewn eiddo preswyl a thai allan yng Nghymru. (WAQ57562)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What recent assessment has the Minister made of the incidence of illegal dog breeding taking place in residential properties and outbuildings in Wales. (WAQ57562)

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John Griffiths: Baseline figures produced under the Companion Animal Welfare Enhancement Scheme are available at <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/animalwelfare/pets/cawes/cawesbaseline0910/?lang=en>
Data for the year 2010/11 will be published in due course.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa sylwadau diweddar y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u cael gan elusennau lles anifeiliaid ar ffermio cwn bach yng Nghymru. (WAQ57561)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What recent representations has the Minister received from animal welfare charities on the puppy farming of dogs in Wales. (WAQ57561)

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John Griffiths: I have received a number of representations in correspondence regarding future actions on dog breeding. On the 28th June I made a statement on my future intentions.

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Faint o fridwyr yng Nghymru sydd wedi cael eu herlyn a'u collfarnu dan bob trosedd a grëwyd gan Ddeddf Bridio a Gwerthu Cwn (Lles) 1999 dros y pum mlynedd diwethaf. (WAQ57567)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): How many breeders in Wales have been prosecuted and convicted under each offence created by the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999 over the last five years. (WAQ57567)

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John Griffiths: Enforcement of the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999 is a matter for Local Authorities and this is not a figure that is collected centrally.

Andrew RT Davies (Canol De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad ynghylch a fydd unrhyw ddiwygiadau i'r ddeddfwriaeth ddrafft wreiddiol ar y Rheoliadau Lles Anifeiliaid (Bridio Cwn), ar ôl yr ymgynghoriad, yn cael eu dwyn gerbron y Cynulliad Cenedlaethol, ac a wnaiff nodi pa bryd y bydd hyn. (WAQ57570)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on whether any amendments to the original draft legislation on the Animal Welfare (Breeding Dogs) regulations, following the consultation, will be brought before the National Assembly and will he indicate when this will be brought forward. (WAQ57570)

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John Griffiths: I made a statement on this subject on the 28th June.

Russell George (Sir Drefaldwyn): Faint yw'r enillion ariannol blynyddol i Lywodraeth Cymru wrth lesio tir y Comisiwn Coedwigaeth o fewn yr Ardaloedd Chwilio Strategol dynodedig a nodwyd yn TAN 8 i ddatblygwyr ynni adnewyddadwy er 2005. (WAQ57571)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire): What has been the annual financial return to the Welsh Government in leasing Forestry Commission land within the designated Strategic Search Areas identified in TAN 8 to renewable energy developers since 2005. (WAQ57571)

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John Griffiths: Income from leases commenced in 2007/08 and is detailed as follows:

Year	Income	£000
FY07/08	Actual	1,618
FY08/09	Actual	3,592
FY09/10	Actual	2,036
FY10/11	Actual	2,600

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

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A yw'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu gweithredu canllawiau newydd NICE ar roi llawdriniaeth ar yr un diwrnod i gleifion sy'n cael eu derbyn i'r ysbyty ar ôl torri clun, ac os felly, a fyddwch yn darparu cyllid ychwanegol i fyrddau iechyd lleol i roi'r argymhelliad hwn ar waith. (WAQ57557)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Does the Minister intend to implement the new NICE guidance for same day surgery for patients admitted to hospital with a broken hip and, if so, will you provide local health boards with additional funding to implement this recommendation. (WAQ57557)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): I very much welcome the new NICE guidance on the management of hip fractures in adults, and expect the NHS in Wales to take full account of its recommendations when planning and providing services for their patients. Hip fractures are a serious problem and the evidence suggests timely surgery can significantly improve mobility and independence among this group of patients. NICE says the changes it recommends would cost comparatively little to implement and likely to save money over the longer term.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi dadansoddiad o sut y buddsoddir y £65 miliwn a ddyrannwyd ar gyfer gwasanaethau orthopaedig ar 31ain Mawrth 2011. (WAQ57558)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of how the £65 million allocated for orthopaedic services on 31st March 2011 will be invested. (WAQ57558)

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Lesley Griffiths: The £65m funding is to be used to develop sustainable solutions to increase capacity and reduce demand for orthopaedic services. Plans are in place to increase capacity, including the building of two modular theatres in North Wales, employing additional consultants. Across South Wales, LHBs are exploring innovative ways to reduce demand across the Region, these plans are currently being finalised.

In year 1, the NHS will receive £21m with £11.6m allocated on a recurrent basis, the remainder on a non-recurrent basis, and we will ensure sustainable solutions are put in place for our patients.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad ynghylch a yw'n bwriadu adolygu'r canllawiau i Fyrddau Iechyd Lleol ar faeth mewn ysbytai ac ar ddefnyddio peiriannau gwerthu mewn adeiladau'r GIG. (WAQ57565)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on whether she plans to review guidance to Local Health Boards on hospital nutrition and the use of vending machines on NHS premises. (WAQ57565)

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Lesley Griffiths: We have recently completed a three month public consultation on the draft All Wales Catering and Nutrition Standards for Food and Fluid Provision for Hospital Inpatients. These Standards will build on initiatives already in place such as the All Wales Nutrition Care Pathway and food record charts, and aim to raise the importance of catering and nutrition to an essential part of the care patients receive in hospitals. The Standards are currently being revised in line with the results of the consultation and will be published in September.

To accompany these new Standards we have also developed guidance for supporting healthy food and drink choices for staff and visitors in hospitals. We are currently consulting with hospital caterers and dietitians on this guidance and, when we publish it later this year, it will include updated Health Promoting Hospital Vending Guidance for Local Health Boards to follow.

Gofyn i Gomisiwn y Cynulliad
To ask the Assembly Commission

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Sawl cynghorydd arbennig a gyflogir gan Gomisiwn y Cynulliad, beth yw'r rhesymeg dros eu cyflogi, pa bryd y cawsant eu penodi, a beth oedd y gost flynyddol ym mhob un o'r 5 mlynedd ariannol diwethaf. (WAQ57566)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): How many special advisers are employed by the Assembly Commission, what is the rationale for their employment, when were they appointed and what was the annual cost in each of the past 5 financial years. (WAQ57566)

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Peter Black AM, on behalf of the Assembly Commission:

There is currently only one special adviser employed by the Assembly Commission; a Finance and Corporate Governance Adviser. The Adviser was appointed on 1 July 2007 on a part-time basis, to provide high level advice and assistance on financial-related matters for the Assembly's Finance Committee and to provide specialist advice to the Assembly Commission, Presiding Officer and the Assembly's senior management on matters relating to finance, governance and audit.

Within the last five years, the Assembly Commission has employed one other special adviser; that of Adviser to the Presiding Officer. The Adviser was appointed on 28 May 2007 and their role was to provide specialist advice to the PO on policy and constitutional matters.

Providing information on the annual costs of these two appointments may involve data protection issues and further time is needed to explore these fully. A further response will be provided as soon as possible. In addition the Assembly has four independent advisers, each engaged on a contract for services rather than as an employee, who were appointed on 5 November 2007. Their role is to ensure that the Assembly Commissioners and the Assembly's senior management are supported and constructively challenged in their roles, by providing an external perspective. Their responsibilities include reviewing organisational performance and maintaining a critical overview of the Assembly's financial controls and risk management procedures.

The total annual cost for all four advisers was as follows (rounded to the nearest £1,000):

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Date	Cost
2007-08	£8k
2008-09	£23k
2009-10	£23k
2010-11	£23k
2011 to date	£2k

The Assembly also engages a Chair of the Independent Remuneration Committee on a contract for services rather than as an employee. He was appointed on 24 January 2008. The role of the Committee is to assist the Assembly Commission in discharging its duty to ensure high standards of corporate governance and financial control by considering recommendations and proposals on pay strategy. The annual cost was as follows (rounded to the nearest £1,000):

Date	Cost
2007-08	£>1k
2008-09	£1k
2009-10	£1k
2010-11	£1k
2011 to date	£>1k