

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 5 Gorffennaf 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 5 July 2012

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Gofyn i Brif Weinidog Cymru
To ask the First Minister

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Pa baratoadau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u gwneud ar gyfer Dydd y Cofio 2014. (WAQ60748)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What preparations has the Welsh Government made for Remembrance Day 2014. (WAQ60748)

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The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): Remembrance Day 2014 will hold special significance as part of the Centenary of the First World War, which will be marked by events and ceremonies within Wales and beyond, including Remembrance Day 2014.

I was pleased to announce in March that Sir Deian Hopkin is my expert advisor for commemorative activities to mark this Centenary. He is advising me on how best we can remember the conflict, and its impact, and engage with the Welsh public organisations as well as the Imperial War Museum.

During our recent meeting, Sir Deian provided me with an update on meetings and discussions he has had with interested parties, future discussions will include specific arrangements for Remembrance Day 2014.

We must ensure that the Commemoration leaves a legacy for children and young people in Wales. I am aware that our cultural bodies have already begun preparing activities for 2014. The National Library has received £500,000 in funding from the Joint Information Systems Committee for digitisation of primary sources relating to the First World War, in partnership with the libraries, special collections, and archives. Our national and local museums and archives are also developing resources and planning events that will help us better understand the conflict.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Gan gyfeirio at ei ateb blaenorol i WAQ60601, a all y Prif Weinidog gadarnhau a gynhyrchwyd unrhyw achos busnes, ymchwiliadau, adroddiadau neu ddogfennau tebyg i gefnogi'r penderfyniad i symud camddefnyddio sylweddau o'r Adran Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau i'r Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ac a fyddant ar gael i'r cyhoedd. (WAQ60757)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): With reference to his previous answer to WAQ60601, can the First Minister confirm whether any business case, investigations, reports or similar documents were produced to support the decision to move substance misuse from the Department for Local Government and Communities to the Department for Health and Social Services, and will they be made public. (WAQ60757)

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The First Minister: There were no such business cases, investigations, reports or similar documents. Portfolio formation and the allocation of responsibilities is a matter for me as First Minister and I concluded that policy responsibility for substance misuse should rest with the Department of Health and Social Services.

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

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): Yn dilyn yr ateb i WAQ60635, a wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau pa effaith a gaiff taliadau uniongyrchol o'r fath ar allu Llywodraeth Cymru i gyflawni ei hamcanion i gefnogi cwmnïau bwyd cydweithredol fel y manylir yn Strategaeth Fwyd Cymru ac, ar wahân, Cynllun Gweithredu Strategol Diwydiant Cig Coch Cymru. (WAQ60764)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Further to the answer to WAQ60635, will the Minister confirm what impact such direct payments will have on the Welsh Government's ability to fulfill its objectives for supporting food cooperatives as detailed in the Food Strategy for Wales and, separately, the Strategic Action Plan for the Welsh Red Meat Industry. (WAQ60764)

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The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes (Alun Davies): I have made my position very clear on commercial decisions within the red meat sector regarding moves to direct payments, in WAQ60635, and again in WAQ60721.

On your broader point, as outlined in the Strategic Action Plan for the Welsh Red Meat Industry, the Welsh Government supports the development of co-operative networks to strengthen branding, market share and market intelligence, and to provide training opportunities. Cooperation and transparency within the Welsh red meat supply-chain, are both key to achieving a profitable, efficient, sustainable, and innovative Welsh red meat industry which in turn is able to respond competitively to ever changing market trends.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu dadansoddiad o'r holl gyllid a weinyddir gan Lywodraeth Cymru a roddwyd i weithredwyr blaenorol a phresennol safle prosesu cig coch St Merryn Foods ym Merthyr Tudful er 1999. (WAQ60765)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide a breakdown of all Welsh Government administered funding provided to the previous and current operators of the St Merryn Foods red meat processing plant in Merthyr Tydfil since 1999. (WAQ60765)

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Alun Davies: St Merryn Meats received £6.58million in grant assistance for a capital investment project which completed in 2001 and which supported the creation of 614 new posts. A second capital investment project was completed in 2010, in which a grant of £1.2million assisted in safeguarding jobs on the site.

***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 unrhyw ohebiaeth y mae wedi'i chael ynghylch Fitamin B17. (WAQ60752)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on any correspondence she has had regarding Vitamin B17. (WAQ60752)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): I can confirm I have had no correspondence regarding Vitamin B17.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'i wneud o effeithiolrwydd Fitamin B17 i drin canser yn GIG Cymru. (WAQ60753)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What assessment has the Minister made on the efficacy of Vitamin B17 in the treatment of cancer within the Welsh NHS. (WAQ60753)

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Lesley Griffiths: Vitamin B17 is not a licensed medicine. A 2011 Cochrane review demonstrated there was no evidence to support its use in cancer and when ingested there is a risk of side effects from cyanide poisoning. This has led the European Commission to ban its use.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod targed y Llywodraeth i sicrhau mynediad o 100 y cant at ddeintyddion y GIG yng Nghymru yn dal yn berthnasol. (WAQ60754)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister confirm that the government's target of achieving 100% access to NHS dentists in Wales still applies. (WAQ60754)

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

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
Information Further to Written Assembly Questions

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A yw'r Gweinidog wedi gwneud unrhyw asesiad ynghylch a oes unrhyw adnoddau ariannol yn cael eu gwario'n aneffeithiol yn GIG Cymru. (WAQ60755)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Has the Minister made any assessment of whether any financial resources in the Welsh NHS are being ineffectively spent? (WAQ60755)

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Lesley Griffiths: It is for Health Boards to ensure the funding they receive from the Welsh Government is used efficiently and effectively to provide quality health services for their population. NHS organisations are required to submit monthly financial performance data to the Welsh Government. This data includes a number of financial indicators which provide an assessment of the effective use of funding, including, for example, expenditure on agency and locum staff. The data is collated and shared individually and collectively with NHS organisations, and is also used by the Welsh Government to review progress against the delivery of service and financial plans.

NHS Wales organisations are using the 1,000 Lives Plus improvement programme to support individuals and organisations to deliver high quality and safe care for the people of Wales. The programme has recently published a White Paper which examines the close relationship between high quality care and the efficient use of resources, which can be found at the following link: http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/1011/publications#Improving_Healthcare_White_Papers

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Mewn perthynas â'r ateb a roddwyd i WAQ60604, a all y Gweinidog ddatgan yn union pa raglenni gwariant sydd wedi cael eu cynnwys yn y weithred hon, yn hytrach nag ar gyfer y weithred i gyd. (WAQ60756)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): In relation to the answer given to WAQ60604, can the Minister specify exactly which spending programmes are contained within this action, rather than for the action as a whole. (WAQ60756)

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Lesley Griffiths: The specific spending programmes contained within the Substance Misuse Action Fund are as follows:

| | 2009-10 | | 2010-11 | | 2011-12 | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Budget | Spend | Budget | Spend | Budget | Spend |
| | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m |
| Revenue | | | | | | |
| Drug & Intervention Programme | 0.090 | 0.110 | 0.070 | 0.115 | 0.070 | 0.005 |
| Drug & Alcohol Initiatives | 2.224 | 1.924 | 1.527 | 1.643 | 1.527 | 1.190 |
| Operation Tarian | 0.642 | 0.642 | 0.642 | 0.642 | 0.642 | 0.642 |
| Substance Misuse Action Fund | 20.106 | 20.130 | 22.161 | 21.932 | 22.161 | 22.522 |
| Transitional Support Scheme | 0.520 | 0.575 | 0.575 | 0.575 | 0.575 | 0.321 |
| All Wales Schools Programme | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 |
| *Include Turnaround | 0.413 | 0.413 | - | - | - | - |
| Total Revenue | 26.495 | 26.294 | 27.475 | 27.407 | 27.475 | 27.180 |
| Capital | | | | | | |
| Substance Misuse Action Fund | 6.100 | 5.981 | 7.000 | 6.090 | 6.117 | 5.309 |
| Total Capital | 6.100 | 5.981 | 7.000 | 6.090 | 6.117 | 5.309 |

*Incorporated into mainstream Substance Misuse Action Fund from 2010-11.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa gamau sydd wedi cael eu cymryd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i leihau faint o feddyginaethau na chânt eu defnyddio gan gleifion. (WAQ60758)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What measures have been taken by the Welsh Government to reduce the amount of medicines unused by patients. (WAQ60758)

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Lesley Griffiths: We have undertaken a number of initiatives over the last few years to reduce medicines waste including running a medicines waste campaign and the introduction of targeted Medicines Use Reviews.

Health Boards are expected to prioritise activity to reduce waste, and look to GPs to take an active role in reducing medicines waste through responsible prescribing.

This policy should be under pinned by health professionals across the NHS who must take responsibility for ensuring medicines are prescribed, dispensed and used appropriately by patients to reduce avoidable waste.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am gynlluniau Llywodraeth Cymru i wella gwasanaethau ar gyfer sgrinio am glefydau anghyffredin yng Ngogledd Cymru, a'u trin. (WAQ60760)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans to improve services for the screening and treatment of rare diseases in North Wales. (WAQ60760)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Welsh Government remains committed to improving the diagnosis and treatment of people with rare diseases throughout Wales.

The UK Plan for Rare Diseases, currently being developed, will help address these issues. The public consultation process has now closed and my officials are working closely with partners in the other UK countries to consider the responses received and to produce a final Plan for publication. Once this process is complete, I shall consider how best to implement the Plan in Wales.

Screening services in Wales are based on advice from the National Screening Committee, which advises all four health departments on existing and future screening programmes. Should the National Screening Committee recommend any further screening programmes for rare diseases, I will consider their implementation in Wales.

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

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Faint y mae pob awdurdod lleol yng Nghymru wedi'i wario ar gynnal a chadw, gwarchod a chynnal cofebion rhyfel ym mhob blwyddyn er 2007. (WAQ60745)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): How much has each local authority in Wales spent on the maintenance, protection and upkeep of war memorials in each year since 2007. (WAQ60745)

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Faint y mae Cadw wedi'i wario ar gynnal a chadw, gwarchod a chynnal cofebion rhyfel ym mhob blwyddyn er 2007. (WAQ60746)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): How much has Cadw spent on the maintenance, protection and upkeep of war memorials in each year since 2007. (WAQ60746)

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Pa drafodaethau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cael yn ystod y tair blynedd diwethaf gydag a) y Lleng Brydeinig Frenhinol a) yr Ymddiriedolaeth Cofebion Rhyfel ac c) y Weinyddiaeth Amddiffyn, ynghylch cynnal a chadw, cynnal a gwarchod cofebion rhyfel yng Nghymru. (WAQ60747)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What discussions has the Welsh Government had in the past three years with a) the Royal British Legion b) the War Memorials Trust and c) Ministry of Defence, regarding the maintenance, upkeep and protection of war memorials in Wales. (WAQ60747)

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Pa drafodaethau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi'u cael gyda phartneriaeth In Memoriam 2014. (WAQ60749)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the In Memoriam 2014 partnership. (WAQ60749)

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cymryd i leihau'r achosion o ddwyn metel o gofebion rhyfel. (WAQ60750)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What steps are the Welsh Government taking to minimise metal theft from war memorials. (WAQ60750)

Paul Davies (Preseli Sir Benfro): Pa gamau y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn eu cymryd i leihau'r achosion o fandaleiddio cofebion rhyfel yng Nghymru. (WAQ60751)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to minimise the vandalism of war memorials in Wales. (WAQ60751)

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The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis): War memorials are an important part of our heritage and a permanent reminder of the sacrifices brave men and women made, and of the losses sustained by communities in Wales.

The Welsh Government does not hold information on the amount spent by local authorities on the maintenance, protection and upkeep of war memorials. This information should be available directly from local authorities in Wales, although many memorials are maintained by community and town councils, local institutions and, in some cases, private companies.

During 2007 Cadw, the Welsh Government's historic environment service, provided grant funding of £7995 for the maintenance, protection and upkeep of listed war memorials and is currently considering a further application for £3000. Since 2007 only one application for funding has been refused and one application was withdrawn when an alternative funding source was found.

The Welsh Government is a member of the UK War Memorials Action Group (WMAG) which had been convened in response to the approaching centenary of the First World War and recent campaigns to improve the condition of war memorials across the UK. The War Memorials Trust is also a member of

WMAG. The Welsh Government is also supportive of the partnership project 'We still remember' between War Memorials Trust and the Imperial War Museums. One of the factors inhibiting the protection of war memorials is that no centralised record was ever made of exactly what was being erected, where and by whom during the inter-War prolific phase of memorial construction. The UK National Inventory of War Memorials was established in 1989 to try and record memorials of the First World War, and all other historic conflicts. To date approximately 62,000 memorials have been recorded in the UK, but the original number is unknown. The 'We still remember' project will build on this work and develop a single integrated web resource to facilitate access to wide ranging data on war memorials in the UK. It is intended that this resource will be interactive and an important tool in encouraging greater public engagement with our war memorial heritage, particularly in the approach to the centenary of World War I. The resource will also incorporate condition information which should allow funding to be targeted to the memorials most at risk.

In Memoriam 2014 is a partnership between the War Memorials Trust and the SmartWater Foundation to provide greater protection for war memorials across the United Kingdom. This excellent project has my full support and will further assist communities in Wales in preserving their war memorial heritage. The Welsh Government itself wishes to ensure that there is a fitting response to the sacrifice of many Welsh people in the World War 1 conflict and the First Minister has appointed Sir Deian Hopkin to advise him on an appropriate commemoration programme which will be inclusive in its approach. Sir Deian is currently meeting with stakeholders both within Wales and beyond to scope this work.

Metal theft is a serious and growing national problem with social and financial impact on individuals, communities and businesses and the Welsh Government continues to work closely with the police and other authorities in combating all metal theft of all kinds in Wales. In order to make it more difficult for criminals to sell the metal they steal, officials from Welsh Government are working with DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) to examine whether it should be possible to refuse or revoke a waste management licence or the registration as a waste carrier, for a person who has been convicted of offences for metal theft. The Welsh Government is also working with the Home Office and DEFRA to review legislation to help enforcement agencies prevent/discourage theft and to give powers to take regulatory action. Funding has been obtained to fund a full time co-ordinator for the Police forces across Wales. This will enable better cross border partnership working and an improved all Wales response.

The vandalism of our war memorials is an insult to those who sacrificed their lives and to the communities they served and who wish to commemorate them. The War Memorials Action Group discussions are focusing on a number of key issues to protect local memorials and one of these is raising public awareness. My officials in Cadw have also established an internal working group to identify practical solutions to heritage crime issues, including vandalism. Where problems have been identified, Cadw has been actively engaging with the local communities, with local police and other agencies to combat this antisocial behaviour.

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

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa gamau sydd wedi cael eu cymryd gan Lywodraeth Cymru i sicrhau bod prosiectau trafnidiaeth mawr yn cael eu cyflawni ar amser ac o fewn y gyllideb. (WAQ60759)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What steps have been taken by the Welsh Government to ensure that major transport projects are delivered on time and within budget. (WAQ60759)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): There has been a process of continuous improvement in the management of Major Transport Projects in Wales. We have set in place robust controls with regard to Risk Management, Procurement, Performance Indicators, Gateway Reviews and Reporting for all Major Projects in the National Transport Plan.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Beth yw'r amcangyfrif o gost flynyddol y cylchlythyr chwarterol arfaethedig i Gynghorwyr a phryd y bydd y rhifyn cyntaf ar gael ar-lein. (WAQ60761)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What is the estimated annual cost of the proposed quarterly newsletter for Councillors and when will the first edition be available online. (WAQ60761)

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Carl Sargeant: There is no cost associated with production of the quarterly newsletter (other than staff time) due to the fact that they will be sent electronically to Democratic Services Officers within councils for distribution.

The first edition is currently available online and can be accessed via the following links:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improvingservices/publications/counconn01/?skip=1&lang=en>(english)

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improvingservices/publications/counconn01/?skip=1&lang=cy> (welsh)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Beth yw'r amcangyfrif o gost y pedwar digwyddiad arfaethedig i'r Gweinidog gwrrdd â Chynghorwyr newydd eu hethol ledled Cymru, ac a yw'r Gweinidog hefyd yn gwahodd Cynghorwyr na chawsant eu hethol am y tro cyntaf ym mis Mai 2012. (WAQ60762)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What is the estimated cost of the four proposed events for the Minister to meet newly-elected Councillors across Wales, and is the Minister also inviting Councillors who were not elected for the first time in May 2012. (WAQ60762)

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Carl Sargeant :The actual spend for the four regional events is likely to be under £20k which is significantly less than the £30k originally estimated.

As part of our intention to develop better forms of engagement with both Executive and Non-Executive Councillors, invitations were sent to all Welsh Councillors following the May elections which would have included returning Members as well as those newly elected.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Faint o brosiectau seilwaith trafndiaeth a gyllidwyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac a ddechreuodd er 2010 sydd wedi mynd dros eu dyraniadau cyllideb gwreiddiol neu y mae disgwyl iddynt wneud hynny. (WAQ60763)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): How many Welsh Government funded transport infrastructure projects, started since 2010, have exceeded – or are expected to exceed – their initial budget allocations. (WAQ60763)

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Carl Sargeant: Since 2010 the Welsh Government has started 9 major transport infrastructure projects from the National Transport Plan. Of these projects, four are complete and three are currently forecast to exceed their initial budget allocation. The transport capital budget is run as a balanced programme of schemes and whilst some schemes are forecast to be over initial allocation of budget, others are under.

In addition, the Welsh Government has contributed to 2 Local Authority schemes through transport grant, both are within budget with 1 due to complete shortly.