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

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Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ60418 a gyhoeddwyd gan Edwina Hart, y Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth, ar 12 Mehefin 2012 Information further to WAQ60418, issued by Edwina Hart, the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, on 12 June 2012

At/To Andrew R T Davies:

I refer to your question (WAQ60418) concerning the area and value of WG land in Barry.

The land identified in the initial reply from the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House is within my portfolio and extends to 10.6 acres but the book value is being withheld on this occasion.

My portfolio is subject to an annual sales programme to raise capital receipts to support programme delivery. The sales programme remains to be confirmed for 2012/13 although this property is likely to be included.

When placed on the market, properties may have a guide price which is the point at which negotiations normally start and which is higher than the book value. Generally, my officials try to secure as close to the guide price as possible. However, if the book value is released, interested purchases could make an offer at the book value and ignore the guide price. By releasing the requested information the Welsh Government would lose significant bargaining power to secure any higher price than the book value and be prejudicial to the Government's commercial and financial interests.

When you asked a similar question (WAQ 57917) to this for 24 August 2011, the value was released but this was at a time when this land was not required to contribute to the sales programme targets.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ60420 a gyhoeddwyd gan Edwina Hart, y Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth, ar 14 Mehefin 2012 Information further to WAQ60420, issued by Edwina Hart, the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science, on 14 June 2012

At/To Andrew R T Davies:

I refer to your question (WAQ60420) concerning the area and value of Welsh Government land in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Welsh Government owns approximately 1,728.5 acres of land in the Vale of Glamorgan excluding any operational land in the Trunk Road and Motorway network. The land is almost exclusively within my portfolio with the exception of a single CADW site extending to 0.06 acres. The book value of the land holding is $\pounds 15,875,000$.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQs60421-60424 a gyhoeddwyd gan yr Ysgrifennydd Parhaol, y Fonesig Gill Morgan, ar 14 Mehefin 2012 Information further to WAQs60421-60424, issued by the Permanent Secretary, Dame Gill Morgan, on 14 June 2012

At/To Andrew R T Davies:

Written Assembly Questions - WAQ60421, WAQ60422, WAQ60423 and WAQ60424

You recently submitted a number of Written Assembly Questions about a range of staffing matters relating to the First Minister's Delivery Unit. The First Minister has asked me to respond and I shall answer each of the questions in turn.

The Delivery Team currently comprises six members and is headed by a Deputy Director. It reports directly to the First Minister on the progress and effectiveness of each department towards delivering the government's priorities.

WAQ60421 - Will the First Minister provide figures, broken down by grade, for a) the total number of staff employed by the Delivery Unit, b) the number of staff members classified as managers, c) the number of staff members not classified as managers, with figures for each financial year since its establishment.

The table below (Fig. 1) details the headcount number of staff employed by the Delivery Team, by grade. The numbers represent the grades of the posts occupied by those staff at 31 March 2012 in the only financial year in which the Delivery Team has been in existence. All staff are categorised as managers, although only the Head of the Delivery Unit (SCS 1 grade) has responsibility for line-managing staff.

Post Grade (Headcount)					
Date	Management Band 1	Executive Band 2	Senior Civil Service 1	Total	
31/03/2012	1	4	0.5*	5.5	

Fig.1

*The Head of the Delivery Unit also has management responsibility for the Legislative Programme Unit.

WAQ60422 - Will the First Minister provide a breakdown of the number of staff members employed by the Welsh Government's Delivery Unit between the managerial levels of grade 7 and grade 3 (or equivalent banding).

The specific grades to which you have referred are no longer applicable, however what were previously referred to as Grade 7s and Grade 3s correlate to the existing Executive Band 2 grade and the SCS 2 grade. The table above (Fig. 1) details the headcount number of all staff in the Delivery Team at 31 March 2012. No staff members at Executive Band 1 grade and SCS 2 grade are employed in the Delivery Team.

WAQ60423 - Will the First Minister provide the annual cost of employing Welsh Government Delivery Unit staff on managerial bands between grade 7 and grade 3 (or equivalent banding) with figures for each financial year since its establishment.

In his response to WAQ59890, the First Minister stated that the provisional budget for the Delivery Team is £512,000, which covers the cost of six members of staff and the head of the

team. For accounting purposes, the Welsh Government does not record separately the cost of each pay band; a distinction is only drawn between the cost of the SCS and non-SCS staff. However, the table below (Fig. 2) details the headcount numbers at each grade and the salary ranges for each pay band.

Fig.2

31 March 2012				
Pay Band	Number	Salary Range (£)		
Executive Band 2	4	44,000 - 54,400		
Senior Civil Service 1	0.5	58,200 - 117,800		

WAQ60424 - What is the annual cost of employing Delivery Unit staff classed as grade 3 and above, giving figures for each financial year since it was established.

No staff members at SCS 2 grade or above are employed in the Delivery Team.

I hope that this response adequately answers the questions you have raised.