

Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 2 November 2004

[R] signifies that the Member has declared an interest.

[W] signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

Questions to the First Minister

Gwasanaethau'r GIG yng Ngheredigion

C11 Elin Jones: A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddatganiad ar wasanaethau'r GIG yng Ngheredigion? (OAQ38775) [W]

Y Prif Weinidog (Rhodri Morgan): Mae Ceredigion, a phob rhan arall o Gymru, yn elwa ar ein polisiau ar y gwasanaeth iechyd, un enghraifft o hyn yw llwyddiant cyflwyno gofal sylfaenol thrombolysis—cyffur atal ceulo—cymunedol cyn mynd i mewn i'r ysbyty. Mae Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Ceredigion a Chanolbarth Cymru hefyd wedi parhau i gydweithio gyda'i phartneriaid yn y rhanbarth i ddatblygu gwasanaethau sy'n gwella mynediad ar gyfer cleifion.

NHS Services in Ceredigion

Q11 Elin Jones: Will the First Minister make a statement on NHS services in Ceredigion? (OAQ38775) [W]

The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan): Ceredigion, as with all other parts of Wales is benefiting from our health service policies, one example of which includes the successful introduction of primary care pre-hospital community thrombolysis—a clot-busting drug. The Ceredigion and Mid Wales NHS Trust has also continued to work collaboratively with its partner organisations in the region to develop services that improve access for all its patients.

The Delivery of 'Wales: A Better Country' in Torfaen

Q12 Lynne Neagle: Will the First Minister make a statement on the delivery of 'Wales: A Better Country' in Torfaen? (OAQ38765)

The First Minister: I published a report in July 2004 in which I set out the Welsh Assembly Government's performance in meeting the strategic aims set out in 'Wales: A Better Country'. While this does not deal specifically with performance in individual constituencies or local authorities such as Torfaen, public bodies are striving hard to provide high-quality and cost-effective public services right across Wales.

Improving Higher Education in South East Wales

Q13 John Griffiths: Will the First Minister make a statement on further developing and improving higher education in south east Wales? (OAQ38767)

The First Minister: The Assembly Government's policies for developing an even stronger higher education sector throughout Wales were set out in 'Reaching Higher'. We will continue to support the excellent work going on within and across higher education institutions in pursuit of those policies.

‘Capital of Enterprise’ Status

Q14 Rosemary Butler: What is the Welsh Assembly Government doing to promote Welsh cities to assist them in gaining the title ‘Capital of Enterprise’? (OAQ38804)

The First Minister: I am very pleased that Newport city has been selected against stiff competition to represent Wales as the Welsh candidate for the first UK-wide centre of enterprise competition. This reflects the high level of enterprise activity already underway and planned by our newest Welsh city, and every Member will wish to join me in wishing Newport every success in the UK finals.

Support for the Rural Economy

Q15 Ieuan Wyn Jones: Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Assembly Government is doing to support the rural economy? (OAQ38780)

The First Minister: The Assembly Government and its sponsored bodies deliver a wide range of programmes, which support the development of the Welsh rural economy. Our strategic commitments have been set out in ‘A Winning Wales’, the national economic development strategy, and ‘Wales: A Better Country’.