

## Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 12 June 2001

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### Questions to the First Minister

*Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economic Development on behalf of the First Minister.*

#### Co-ordination of Cross-cutting Policies

**Q11 Alun Cairns:** Will the First Minister make a statement on the co-ordination of policy under his responsibility that cuts across other departments? (OAQ11876)

**The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Economic Development (Michael German):** The First Minister has overall responsibility for policy co-ordination in the Cabinet. We are addressing the cross-cutting themes through Assembly schemes and supporting action plans. The First Minister chairs the Cabinet sub-committees on sustainable development, Wales and the world and Corus.

#### ‘Putting Wales First’

**Q12 Elin Jones:** Will the First Minister make a statement outlining which of the proposals contained in ‘Putting Wales First: A Partnership for the People of Wales’ will be delivered during the next six months? (OAQ11863) *Withdrawn.*

#### The Partnership Agreement (North Wales)

**Q13 Peter Rogers:** Will the First Minister make a statement on the effectiveness of the partnership agreement in north Wales? (OAQ11848)

**Michael German:** Since making the agreement, we have developed radical proposals for the future direction of the health service. We have also appointed the Children’s Commissioner for Wales and have won legislation to provide him with more powers. We are targeting action on our most disadvantaged communities through Communities First. We have introduced free school milk for five to seven-year-olds, free dental checks and prescriptions for young people under 25 years of age and free entry to museums in Wales. We have also begun the process of devising the new national economic development strategy.

These measures benefit the people of north Wales, and all the people of Wales

#### Addasu Deddfwriaeth Newydd ar gyfer Anghenion Cymru

**Q14 Owen John Thomas:** Pa drafodaethau y mae Prif Weinidog Cymru wedi’u cael gydag Ysgrifennydd Gwladol newydd Cymru ynghylch addasu deddfwriaeth newydd yn San Steffan er mwyn sicrhau cyfle i’r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol ei haddasu ar gyfer anghenion Cymru? (OAQ11849)

**Michael German:** Mae Prif Weinidog Cymru wedi cael trafodaethau amrywiol gydag Ysgrifennydd Gwladol Cymru ar ystod o faterion, gan gynnwys anghenion Cymru a’r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol mewn unrhyw ddeddfwriaeth sydd ar y gweill.

### **Adapting New Legislation to the Needs of Wales**

**Q14 Owen John Thomas:** What discussions has the First Minister had with the new Secretary of State for Wales about adapting new legislation in Westminster to ensure that the National Assembly has an opportunity to adapt it to the needs of Wales? (OAQ11849)

**Michael German:** The First Minister has had various discussions with the Secretary of State for Wales on a range of issues, including the needs of Wales and the National Assembly in any forthcoming legislation.

### **European Issues (Discussions with the Secretary of State for Wales)**

**Q15 Peter Black:** Has the First Minister had discussions with the Secretary of State for Wales about European issues? (OAQ11872)

**Michael German:** The First Minister meets the Secretary of State for Wales regularly to discuss a range of issues, including the European agenda.

### **European Commission Consultation on Cohesion**

**Q16 Phil Williams:** How does the First Minister propose to ensure that the National Assembly's views will be taken on board during the European Commission consultation process on cohesion? (OAQ11866)  
*Withdrawn.*

### **Assembly Relations with Business**

**Q17 Christine Chapman:** What discussion has the First Minister had with the relevant bodies about further developing Assembly relations with business? (OAQ11874) *Withdrawn.*

### **Overseas Summits**

**Q18 Rhodri Glyn Thomas:** Will the First Minister represent the National Assembly in any overseas summits in the next year? (OAQ11861) *Withdrawn.*

### **European Commission Consultation on Governance**

**Q19 Dafydd Wigley:** What role does the First Minister envisage for the National Assembly during the European Commission consultation process on governance? (OAQ11865) *Withdrawn.*

### **'Putting Wales First' (Better Public Services)**

**Q20 Cynog Dafis:** Will the First Minister make a statement explaining how the delivery of policy proposals contained in 'Putting Wales First' contribute towards better public services in Wales? (OAQ11860) *Withdrawn.*

### **'Betterwales.com' and 'Putting Wales First'**

**Q21 Jocelyn Davies:** Will the First Minister give an update on the relationship between proposals contained in 'Betterwales.com' and the programme outlined in 'Putting Wales First'? (OAQ11867)  
*Withdrawn.*

### **Vulnerable People in Wales**

**Q22 Christine Gwyther:** What discussions has the First Minister had with his Westminster colleagues about measures aimed to help vulnerable people in Wales? (OAQ11875) *Withdrawn.*

### **Cross-cutting Issues**

**Q23 Janet Ryder:** In the First Minister's capacity as policy development co-ordinator, how does he assess the Government of Wales's success in embedding cross-cutting issues throughout National Assembly policies? (OAQ11864) *Withdrawn.*