

## **Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 12 October 2004**

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

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### **Questions to the First Minister**

#### **Priorities for Health Spending**

**Q14 Rhodri Glyn Thomas:** Will the First Minister make a statement on his Government's priorities for health spending in the next 12 months? (OAQ38195)

**The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan):** The Finance Minister announced the draft budget yesterday. This outlined spending plans for 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 for all Assembly budgets. The Minister for Health and Social Services made an announcement earlier today in which she detailed her spending priorities for health.

#### **Assimilating Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies**

**Q15 Leighton Andrews:** Will the First Minister make a statement on progress in taking major ASPBs into the Welsh Assembly Government? (OAQ38220)

**The First Minister:** The mergers scoping project is well under way and has made good progress. The Project is made up of representatives from all four organisations and the relevant trade unions. Nine specialist workstream groups have been established to gather facts and information on how work is currently organised and to identify potential opportunities. The project will report to Ministers in early November.