

## Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 17 December 2002

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

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

### Questions to the First Minister

#### Promoting Healthy and Active Lifestyles

**Q11 Christine Chapman:** What measures is the Welsh Assembly Government taking to promote healthy and active lifestyles in Wales? (OAQ21208)

**The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan):** The Welsh Assembly Government recently issued a healthy and active lifestyles action plan, which is designed to raise public awareness of the health benefits of exercise, increase opportunities for physical activity and reduce the barriers that hinder active living. The plan is currently out to public consultation.

#### Policy on Culture

**Q12 Nick Bourne:** Will the Minister make a statement on his administration's policy on culture? (OAQ21207)

**The First Minister:** The Assembly Government's policy is to develop a sustainable, inclusive and equal Wales through promoting a distinctive and creative culture. Our cultural strategy 'Creative Wales: Cymru Greadigol' sets out our vision for the development of culture in Wales and our priorities for action. The national action plan for a bilingual Wales 'Iaith Pawb' details our Welsh language policy.

#### Joining the Euro

**Q13 Mick Bates:** Has the First Minister had discussions with the Westminster Government and other devolved assemblies as to the impact of joining the European single currency (euro) on the Welsh economy? (OAQ21200)

**The First Minister:** I have regular discussions with the Government and other devolved administrations on a range of issues.

The determining factor underpinning any Government decision on membership of the single currency is whether the economic case for the UK joining is clear and unambiguous. The Government has said that an assessment of the five economic tests will be completed by June 2003.

#### Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin

**C14 Rhodri Glyn Thomas:** A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddatganiad am fwriad Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin i fuddsoddi £400 miliwn mewn strategaeth i greu a chadw swyddi yn y sir? (OAQ21222) [W]

**Y Prif Weinidog:** Cynllun y cyngor, a luniwyd ar y cyd ag Awdurdod Datblygu Cymru, yw'r cyntaf o'i fath yng Nghymru i fynegi'r bwriad o ddefnyddio gwerth £29 miliwn o arian cyfatebol i helpu i greu gwerth £450 miliwn o brosiectau gan greu 5,000 o swyddi a diogelu 2,000 o swyddi eraill yn y sector preifat a'r sector cyhoeddus. Mae'r strategaeth yn cynnig gweledigaeth a chynllun eglur i'w bartneriaid posibl.

### **Carmarthen County Council**

**Q14 Rhodri Glyn Thomas:** Will the First Minister make a statement on Carmarthen County Council's intention to invest £400 million in a strategy to create and retain jobs in the county? (OAQ21222) [W]

**The First Minister:** The council's masterplan, which was drawn up in conjunction with the Welsh Development Agency, is the first of its kind in Wales in expressing the intention of using £29 million of matched funding to help to generate £450 million-worth of projects with 5,000 jobs created and a further 2,000 safeguarded in both the private and public sectors. The strategy gives a clear vision and plan to its potential partners.

### **Hunting with Dogs on Wales**

**Q15 Peter Black:** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government about the impact of its policy on hunting with dogs on Wales? (OAQ21217)

**The First Minister:** I last discussed this issue in general terms with Alun Michael, the Minister of State for Rural Affairs, last month.