

## Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 21 September 2004

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### Questions to the First Minister

#### The Future of Education and Learning Wales

**Q12 Leighton Andrews:** Will the First Minister make a statement on the future of ELWa? (OAQ37564)

**The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan):** I announced on 14 July that ELWa will be merged with the Welsh Assembly Government by 1 April 2006. The legislation required to implement this decision is being prepared. A project is underway to determine how this is to be accomplished. ELWa representatives are fully involved in this work, and further details will be announced when the scoping study is complete.

#### Services Provided by Community Hospitals

**Q13 Rhodri Glyn Thomas:** Will the First Minister make a statement on his Government's plans for services provided by community hospitals? (OAQ37577)

**The First Minister:** As outlined in 'Improving Health in Wales', and reinforced in the 'Review of Health and Social Care' advised by Derek Wanless, health care will be delivered through a differentiated model of hospital services, with patients' needs being met through the delivery of integrated care, and with services provided in a range of settings to best respond to care pathways.

#### Community Safety in Cardiff South and Penarth

**Q14 Lorraine Barrett:** What action is the Welsh Assembly Government taking to improve community safety in Cardiff South and Penarth? (OAQ37570)

**The First Minister:** The Assembly Government is working closely with community safety partnerships and other key agencies to develop and deliver local strategies that reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.

#### Smoking in Public Places

**Q15 Eleanor Burnham:** Will the First Minister make a statement on smoking in public places? (OAQ37567)

**The First Minister:** We recognise that environmental tobacco smoke is a major public health risk. We are already engaged in activity to raise public awareness of this issue and the Assembly has resolved in principle to seek powers to ban smoking in public places. A cross-party committee is currently reviewing the evidence and consulting in Wales on this matter.