

Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 30 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

Rhestrau Aros yn Sir Gaerfyrddin

C12 Rhodri Glyn Thomas: A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddatganiad ar restrau aros yn sir Gaerfyrddin? (OAQ40027) [W]

Y Prif Weinidog (Rhodri Morgan): Ym mis Gorffennaf 2001, newidwyd y pwyslais o restrau aros i amseroedd aros. Mae buddsoddiad sylweddol wedi'i wneud i leihau amseroedd aros ac i foderneiddio'r modd y maent yn cael eu rheoli, a'r gwasanaethau a ddarperir. Mae gwelliannau i'w gweld ym meysydd blaenoriaeth llawdriniaeth y galon ac orthopedeg yn sir Gaerfyrddin.

Waiting Lists in Carmarthenshire

Q12 Rhodri Glyn Thomas: Will the First Minister make a statement on waiting lists in Carmarthenshire? (OAQ40027) [W]

The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan): You will know that, in July 2001, we changed the emphasis from waiting lists to waiting times. Significant investment has been made in reducing waiting times and modernising the way they are managed and services delivered, with improvements being made in the priority areas of cardiac surgery and orthopaedics in Carmarthenshire.

Funding the Drug Misuse Strategy

Q13 Janet Ryder: Will the First Minister make a statement on the funding of drug misuse strategy? (OAQ40021)

The First Minister: The Assembly has increased substantially the funding for the substance misuse action fund from £3.3 million per annum in 2002-03 to £18.4 million in 2007-08—an increase of over 550 per cent. There have also been significant increases in the provision given to local health boards as part of the NHS settlement.

Question 14 (OAQ40003) withdrawn.

Lifelong Learning

Q15 William Graham: Will the First Minister outline his administration's policies to promote life long learning? (OAQ40006)

The First Minister: We continue to make good progress in promoting lifelong learning against the targets set out in 'A Learning Country'. We are supporting a wide range of initiatives, such as the RISE learning network in the former county of Gwent, to promote access to learning for all ages and groups in Wales.