

Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 03/11/2009

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Questions to the First Minister

The Ryder Cup

Q12 William Graham: Will the First Minister outline what measures the Welsh Assembly Government is taking to ensure that the transport infrastructure around Newport will meet transport demands during the Ryder Cup tournament? OAQ(3)2336(FM)

The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan): A transport plan for the Ryder Cup is being developed with City of Newport, the police and event organisers to manage issues in the area. As part of this, road works on the trunk and local road network will be suspended for a period both before and during the event.

Climate Change

Q13 Val Lloyd: Will the First Minister outline what action the Welsh Assembly Government is taking to tackle climate change? OAQ(3)2335(FM)

The First Minister: The Assembly Government is fully committed to tackling both the causes and consequences of climate change. We have recently concluded a public consultation on our 'Climate Change Strategy—Programme of Action', which set out the proposed actions that the Assembly Government intends to take to address climate change in Wales.

Economy and Transport

Q14 Jenny Randerson: Will the First Minister make a statement on the achievements of the Department for the Economy and Transport? OAQ(3)2355(FM)

The First Minister: The department has introduced Flexible Support for Business and the single investment fund, achieved its 2007-13 structural funds programmes targets and introduced the JEREMIE fund. On transport, it has launched the Wales transport strategy and national transport plan, introduced the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and made significant progress on sustainable travel towns.

Skills in Wales

Q15 Lesley Griffiths: Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Assembly Government is doing to improve skills in Wales? OAQ(3)2332(FM)

The First Minister: The raising of skills levels has been central to the Assembly's approach to leading Wales out of recession. Our targeted action to integrate employment and skills, protect jobs, secure continued investment in apprenticeships and extend support to employers through programmes like ProAct has raised skills levels and achieved widespread acclaim.