

## Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 24/11/2009

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

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

### Questions to the First Minister

#### Supporting Nurses

**Q11 Lorraine Barrett:** Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Assembly Government support for nurses in Wales? OAQ(3)2417(FM)

**The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan):** The Welsh Assembly Government supports the nursing profession in a number of ways to ensure that it is fully engaged in the delivery of patient-centred healthcare and the development of new services, including by supporting sisters or charge nurses to lead and to manage ward-based care efficiently.

#### Trin Diabetes

**C12 David Lloyd:** A wnaiff y Prif Weinidog ddatganiad am y driniaeth a ddarperir ar gyfer diabetes? OAQ(3)24119(FM) [W]

**Y Prif Weinidog:** Disgwyliaf i'r driniaeth ar gyfer diabetes fod yn unol â chanllawiau'r Sefydliad Cenedlaethol dros Iechyd a Rhagoriaeth Glinigol, y fframwaith gwasanaeth cenedlaethol ar gyfer diabetes, a'r canllawiau consensws ar gyfer rheoli diabetes mewn plant ac ar gyfer oedolion.

#### Diabetes Treatment

**Q12 David Lloyd:** Will the First Minister make a statement on the provision of treatment for diabetes? OAQ(3)2419(FM) [W]

**The First Minister:** I expect treatment for diabetes to be in line with the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence guidelines, the diabetes national service framework, and the consensus guidelines for the management of diabetes in children and those for adults.

#### Health Inequalities

**Q13 Peter Black:** Will the First Minister make a statement on health inequalities in Wales? OAQ (3)2412(FM)

**The First Minister:** Health inequalities are still a significant issue in Wales, as elsewhere. Health inequalities will be tackled by reducing the social inequalities that lie behind them and through targeted initiatives such as the inequalities in health fund and the community food co-operative programme.

#### Primary Law-making Powers

**Q14 Leanne Wood:** What recent discussions has the First Minister had regarding primary law-making powers for Wales? OAQ(3)2426(FM)

**The First Minister:** I have had various discussions with members of the UK Government on the devolution of powers to the Assembly under Part 4 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

#### Flood Defences

**Q15 William Graham:** Will the First Minister make a statement on flood defences in Wales?

OAQ(3)2418(FM)

**The First Minister:** The Assembly Government provides the majority of flood risk management funding. Since 1999, funding has trebled to more than £41 million. The Environment Agency estimates that 95 per cent of its 1,800 km of defences perform as designed. The agency, together with local authorities, is preparing strategic plans to determine sustainable long-term flood management policies.