

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Atebion Gweinidogion
Information Further to Ministerial Answers**

**Information further to a point of order issued by Jane Davidson, the Minister for
Education and Lifelong Learning, on 13 July 2004**

To Alun Ffred Jones:

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2004 regarding Mountain Venture Ltd's complaint against the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority and requesting that I should advise the AALA board and chief executive to investigate the work of Marcus Bailie, head of inspection services at AALA. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

I have looked at the argument put forward by Mr Lyon, managing director of Mountain Ventures, that the action of Mr Bailie has seriously undermined the ability of Tourism Quality Services Limited to carry out its functions as the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority for England, Wales and Scotland.

Much of the information supplied by Mr Lyon was submitted as evidence in the original appeal brought by Mr Lyon and Mountain Ventures Ltd in March 2002 against the refusal by AALA to grant Mountain Ventures a licence. The outcome of that appeal fell to me as Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to determine. I upheld the conclusions of Mr H. Purse, the independent person appointed to hear the appeal, that refusal of the licence was justified.

There is no new information to alter the conclusion set out in Mrs Elizabeth Taylor's letter of 18 February 2004 to Mr Lyon, namely that there is no evidence to indicate that Tourism Quality Services Limited is failing to fulfil its statutory duties as the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority.

I am afraid that there is therefore no course of action for the Assembly Government to take in the matter and it is regarded as closed.