

Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 5 March 2002

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

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

Questions to the First Minister

Audit of Industrial Injuries

Q11 Brian Gibbons: Does the Welsh Assembly Government undertake an audit of industrial injuries incurred during public sector public projects across the Assembly's range of responsibilities? (OAQ16047) [R]

The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan): This is the responsibility of the Health and Safety Executive; it is not a devolved matter.

South Wales Central

Q12 Jonathan Morgan: Will the First Minister make a statement on how his Government's policies are having an impact on South Wales Central? (OAQ16049)

The First Minister: The Welsh Assembly Government is working in South Wales Central, as it is throughout Wales, to deliver its policies to spread prosperity and deliver better public services.

In South Wales Central, we have recently:

- committed £750,000 to the first stage of full integrated ticketing through the introduction of smartcards for concessionary bus travel in the South West Integrated Transport Consortium area, making bus travel easier, alongside the introduction of free travel for pensioners and disabled people from 1 April 2002; and
- secured some 25 inward investment projects over the last 12 months with capital expenditure of just under £350 million, which will create almost 4,000 jobs and safeguard 1,100 jobs.

Priorities for Policy Development

Q13 Phil Williams: Will the First Minister make a statement on the priorities of the National Assembly for Wales for policy development over the next six months? (OAQ16045)

The First Minister: I refer you to the answer that I gave to Janet Davies earlier this afternoon (OAQ16039).

Is-ddeddfwriaeth

C14 Owen John Thomas: Pa drafodaethau y mae Prif Weinidog Cymru wedi'u cael gyda'i Weinidogion ynghylch defnyddio is-ddeddfwriaeth i gyflawni dyheadau poblogaidd Cymru? (OAQ16038) [W]

Prif Weinidog Cymru: Yr wyf yn cadw mewn cysylltiad agos â'm cydweithwyr yn y Cabinet o ran gweithredu polisi Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru. Yr ydym yn defnyddio amrywiaeth helaeth o fecanweithiau i gyflawni ein gwaith ac mae is-ddeddfwriaeth yn un o'r mecanweithiau hyn.

Mae proses is-ddeddfwriaeth y Cynulliad yn dryloyw ac mae cyfleoedd i Aelodau'r Cynulliad ddylanwadu ar gynnwys deddfwriaeth a chynnig bod deddfwriaeth yn cael ei chyflwyno.

Subordinate Legislation

Q14 Owen John Thomas: What discussions has the First Minister had with his Ministers regarding the use of subordinate legislation to fulfil widely-held aspirations in Wales? (OAQ16038) [W]

The First Minister: I maintain close contact with my colleagues in Cabinet regarding the implementation of the Welsh Assembly Government policy. We use a wide variety of delivery mechanisms, of which subordinate legislation is one.

The Assembly subordinate legislation process is transparent and there are opportunities for Assembly Members to influence the contents and propose the introduction of legislation.

Bills on Devolved Matters

Q15 David Melding: What discussions has the First Minister had with the Secretary of State for Wales on the need for Wales-only Bills on devolved matters? (OAQ16048)

The First Minister: I discuss this and other primary legislation matters with the Secretary of State regularly.