

## Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 14 May 2002

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

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

### Questions to the First Minister

#### Tackling Social Injustice

**Q11 Mick Bates:** Will the First Minister make a statement on the extent to which the Assembly's cross-cutting policies are tackling social injustice throughout Wales? (OAQ17505)

**The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan):** Social inclusion is one of the guiding principles of the Welsh Assembly Government. The annual report on social inclusion in Wales, made available in March, sets out in detail how social injustice is being tackled in all relevant policy areas.

#### Trefniadau i sicrhau Ffyniant Sir Benfro a'r De-orllewin

**C12 Cynog Dafis:** Pa drefniadau sydd gan y Prif Weinidog ar y gweill i sicrhau ffyniant Sir Benfro a'r De-orllewin? (OAQ17496) [W]

**Prif Weinidog Cymru:** Mae strategaeth Cynulliad Cymru ar gyfer cyflawni ffyniant economaidd i Gymru gyfan wedi'i nodi yn 'Cymru'n Ennill'. Mae Sir Benfro a'r De-orllewin i gyd yn elwa o statws Amcan 1 a statws ardaloedd haen 1. Yr wyf yn ymwybodol iawn o'r anawsterau sy'n deillio o golli dros 1,000 o swyddi yng nghanolfan alwadau Pont Cleddau, ond parhaf i fod yn hyderus y bydd ymdrechion Tîm Cymru i sicrhau rhestr o gleientau eraill yn y sector hwn yn llwyddiannus, o fewn amser rhesymol.

#### Plans to secure Prosperity in Pembrokeshire and the South-west

**Q12 Cynog Dafis:** What plans does the First Minister have to secure prosperity in Pembrokeshire and the south-west? (OAQ17496) [W]

**The First Minister:** The Welsh Assembly strategy for achieving economic prosperity for Wales as a whole is set out in 'A Winning Wales'. The whole of Pembrokeshire and the south-west benefits from Objective 1 and tier 1 assisted area status. I am very much aware of the current difficulties arising from the loss of over 1,000 jobs at the Cleddau Bridge call centre, but I continue to be quietly confident that Team Wales's efforts to secure a range of clients in this sector will be successful, within a reasonable period of time.

#### 'Plan for Wales 2001'

**Q13 Jocelyn Davies:** Can the First Minister report on any new progress made with implementing the policies contained in the 'Plan for Wales 2001' strategic document? (OAQ17498)

**The First Minister:** The Welsh Assembly Government is making solid progress toward fulfilling our commitments detailed in 'Plan for Wales 2001'. I will report again formally on our progress in my annual report, due to be published in October.

### **The Views of the People of Wales**

**Q14 Nick Bourne:** How does the First Minister ensure that the views of the people of Wales are met when making decisions or deciding policy? (OAQ17492)

**The First Minister:** We consult and engage communities of interest and the public in policy making, and are taking steps to ensure that decisions are made as closely as possible to the people who are affected by them. We report formally on the comments made in each Welsh Assembly Government consultation exercise, so that the way in which views are reflected in final policies is transparent and open to scrutiny.

### **Funding of Public Service Capital Projects**

**Q15 Peter Black:** What discussions has the First Minister had with the Secretary of State for Wales on changing Treasury borrowing rules as to the funding of public service capital projects? (OAQ17504)

**The First Minister:** None. However, the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Communities has discussed the issue with the Secretary of State for Wales on several occasions.