

Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 9 July 2002

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

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Questions to the First Minister

Public Services in South Wales Central

Q4 Jonathan Morgan: Will the First Minister make a statement on the effect of the recent UK budget on public services in South Wales Central? (OAQ18823) *Transferred for written answer.*

The First Minister (Rhodri Morgan): It is too early to say. All the resources announced in the Chancellor's April budget are for future years from 2003-04. The allocation of the resources to particular budgets will be considered as part of the current budget planning round.

Questions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 answered in Plenary. Question 10 withdrawn.

Palliative Care in the West

Q13 Helen Mary Jones: What discussions has the First Minister had with his colleague, the Minister for Health and Social Services, about the provision of palliative care in the west? (OAQ18837)

The First Minister: The provision of palliative care services across all of Wales is currently the responsibility of health authorities. However, the strategic framework for such provision is a matter for the Welsh Assembly Government and the Minister for Health and Social Services. Jane Hutt will be making a statement on this matter to the National Assembly on Thursday.

Cross-cutting Issues

Q14 Pauline Jarman: Will the First Minister make a statement on his priorities as co-ordinator of cross-cutting issues for the next six months? (OAQ18835)

The First Minister: Among my priorities over the next six months as co-ordinator of cross-cutting issues, I intend to attend the world summit on sustainable development as part of the UK delegation. I shall be hosting an event that will highlight the Assembly's progress on achieving a sustainable Wales, and I hope to discuss best practice with a number of leaders of sub-national governments from around the world.

Question 15 (OAQ18824) is withdrawn.