## Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at y Cyfarfod Llawn Information Further to Plenary

Cyhoeddir ymatebion yn yr iaith y'u darparwyd, gyda chyfieithiad Saesneg o ymatebion yn y Gymraeg.

Responses are published in the language in which they are provided, with a translation into English of responses provided in Welsh.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at y Datganiad Busnes a gyhoeddwyd gan Huw Lewis, y Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth, ar 03 Gorffennaf 2012 Information further to the Business Statement issued by Huw Lewis, the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage, on 03 July 2012

## At/To William Graham:

During Plenary on 19 June you raised a question regarding the conservation and display of the Newport Medieval Ship.

It is 10 years since the ship was discovered and, to mark this anniversary, a year long programme of events has been organised. A leaflet outlining these events can be found at <a href="http://www.newport.gov.uk/">http://www.newport.gov.uk/</a> dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=mediaevalship.homepage

I visited the Newport Medieval Ship project on 11 June to see the excellent work of the project team in preserving the timbers and artefacts from the ship. The Welsh Government has provided over £3.5 million support for the rescue and conservation of the ship, as well as funding specific elements such as the production of a digital reconstruction of the Newport Medieval Ship. This will include 3D designs and dynamic visualisations which will help recreate the original hull form, and provide the basis for future interpretive exhibits.

In 2006 a steering group was set up to examine the future of the Newport Ship. The group includes representatives of Cadw and CyMAL from the Welsh Government, the National Museum of Wales, the Friends of the Newport Ship and Newport City Council. This group has concluded that the greatest benefit would be gained if the ship was fully conserved and reassembled in a new museum that interpreted the find within a wide local history context. The long process of conservation has been taking place since then. Newport City Council is carrying out a study into how best to develop the museum and the ship, ideally on one site.

My officials in CyMAL: Museums Archives and Libraries Wales division will continue to keep me informed of developments.