

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 15 May 2013 for answer on 22 May 2013

R – Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

W – Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the Minister for Finance

1. **Julie James (Swansea West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the number of public sector organisations that have signed up for the national procurement service? OAQ(4)0259(FIN)

2. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is using European structural funds to benefit the Cynon Valley? OAQ(4)0260(FIN)

3. **David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the number of meetings she has held with European counterparts to discuss structural funds? OAQ(4)0257(FIN)

4. **Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what sanctions are available to her in dealing with organisations which she has concerns with over their whistleblowing practice? OAQ(4)0263(FIN)

5. **David Rees (Aberavon):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure public procurement contracts are awarded to companies with high ethical and moral standards? OAQ(4)0256(FIN)

6. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** Will the Minister provide an update on her discussions with the UK Treasury about the Barnett Formula? OAQ(4)0270(FIN)

- 7. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on capital investment in the Mid and West Wales region? OAQ(4)0265(FIN)
- 8. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on any work the Welsh Government is doing to develop Wales-only statistics? OAQ(4)0264(FIN)
- 9. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget allocated to the Communities and Tackling Poverty portfolio? OAQ(4)0255(FIN)
- 10. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the additional capital resources made available from the UK Government? OAQ(4)0268(FIN)
- 11. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget allocated to the Economy, Science and Transport portfolio? OAQ(4)0267(FIN)W
- 12. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister give an update on the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan? OAQ(4)0261(FIN)
- 13. Ken Skates (Clwyd South):** Will the Minister outline what discussions she has had in regard to the overall budget allocation to the Economy, Science and Transport portfolio? OAQ(4)0253(FIN)
- 14. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement regarding the full implementation of the Silk Commission's Part 1 recommendations according to the Commission's timetable? OAQ(4)0258(FIN)W
- 15. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on discussions she has had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the overall budget allocated to the Health and Social Services portfolio? OAQ(4)0262(FIN)

To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

- 1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on efforts to increase collaboration between local authorities? OAQ(4)0276(LG)
- 2. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister give an update on the Regional Collaboration Fund? OAQ(4)0278(LG)
- 3. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the Welsh Government's proposed legislation to end violence against women and domestic abuse in Wales?
OAQ(4)0285(LG)
- 4. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister confirm what role, if any, the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Executives of Local Authorities plays in setting the pay of chief executives of local authorities in Wales? OAQ(4)0277(LG)
- 5. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What is the Welsh Government doing to raise awareness of domestic abuse in Wales? OAQ(4)0273(LG)
- 6. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East):** Will the Minister confirm if she has any plans to bring forward legislation in relation to senior management and officers pay in local government in Wales?
OAQ(4)0283(LG)
- 7. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the current challenges facing local government? OAQ(4)0280(LG)
- 8. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the Local Government Boundary Commission?
OAQ(4)0287(LG)W

9. Ken Skates (Clwyd South): Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to improve local authority collaboration across Wales? OAQ(4)0270(LG)

10. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister make a statement on collaboration between the UK Government and Welsh local authorities? OAQ(4)0284(LG)

11. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the performance and accountability of local authorities in Wales? OAQ(4)0275(LG)

12. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government is safeguarding playing fields in Wales? OAQ(4)0288(LG)W

13. David Rees (Aberavon): What action is the Welsh Government taking to support pensioners in paying council tax? OAQ(4)0282(LG)

14. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on improving the delivery of public services in Wales? OAQ(4)0274(LG)

15. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): How is the Welsh Government promoting transparency and accountability in local government? OAQ(4)0279(LG)

To ask the Assembly Commission

1. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Commissioner make a statement on access for people with limited mobility on the Assembly estate? OAQ(4)0072(AC)

2. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): What recent contact has the Assembly Commission had with Funky Dragon? OAQ(4)0073(AC)