

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 1 October 2014 for answer on 8 October 2014

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 and Government Business

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

- 1. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government ensures that EU funds reach the communities that they are designed to benefit? OAQ(4)0456(FIN)
- 2. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities when allocating the Communities and Tackling Poverty budget? OAQ(4)0459(FIN)
- 3. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** How does the Welsh Government ensure effective grants management? OAQ(4)0464(FIN)
- 4. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy):** What financial assessment of possible local government mergers was made by the Welsh Government in formulating the draft budget? OAQ(4)0461(FIN)
- 5. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget allocation to the Education and Skills portfolio? OAQ(4)0463(FIN)
- 6. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's approach to tax incremental financing? OAQ(4)0448(FIN)
- 7. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's Community Benefits policy? OAQ(4)0453(FIN)

- 8. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What actions has the Welsh Government taken to consult with the people of Wales during preparation for the 2015–16 budget? OAQ(4)0457(FIN)
- 9. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of European funding to west Wales? OAQ(4)0462(FIN)W
- 10. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What priorities are considered by the Welsh Government when allocating funding to the Health and Social Services portfolio? OAQ(4)0465(FIN)
- 11. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on any adjustments to departmental allocation she expects to make in the current financial year? OAQ(4)0449(FIN)
- 12. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** What consideration was given to the needs of mid Wales when formulating the draft budget for 2015–16? OAQ(4)0452(FIN)
- 13. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the overall funding allocation for next year's Natural Resources budget? OAQ(4)0460(FIN)
- 14. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on Wales's success in accessing EU funding? OAQ(4)0454(FIN)
- 15. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** What discussions have taken place with the UK Government on reform of the Barnett formula? OAQ(4)0458(FIN)

To ask the Minister for Public Services

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- 1. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the role of scrutiny in local government? OAQ(4)0460(PS)

2. William Graham (South Wales East): Does the Minister plan to issue guidance to local authorities concerning the provision of non-statutory services? OAQ(4)0475(PS)

3. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly): Will the Minister make a statement on collaboration between public services in Caerphilly? OAQ(4)0465(PS)

4. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): How many local authorities have so far indicated a willingness to explore voluntary mergers? OAQ(4)0473(PS)

5. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the Reforming Local Government White Paper? OAQ(4)0477(PS)

6. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans for reforming public services in Wales? OAQ(4)0462(PS)

7. John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on local government reform following the Williams Commission report? OAQ(4)0472(PS)

8. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What measures are being taken by the Welsh Government to protect girls from female genital mutilation? OAQ(4)0474(PS)

9. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans to tackle domestic abuse amongst minority communities in Wales? OAQ(4)0461(PS)

10. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on recent discussions that he has held regarding the merging of councils? OAQ(4)0471(PS)W

11. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on cuts to local authority services? OAQ(4)0463(PS)

12. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on democratic services provided by local authorities? OAQ(4)0469(PS)

13. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister provide an update on discussions he has had with the Fire and Rescue Services across Wales in light of possible public service reform? OAQ(4)0467(PS)

14. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on how reforming local government will impact on democratic engagement? OAQ(4)04678(PS)W

15. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the draft budget on local government services in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0468(PS)

To ask the Counsel General

1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Counsel General make a statement on discussions regarding creating a separate Welsh jurisdiction? OAQ(4)0068(CG)W

2. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Counsel General held on the implications of the Supreme Court Judgement on the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Act 2014? OAQ(4)0069(CG)W