

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 30 October 2013 for answer on 6 November 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 Education and Skills

1. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Minister have to shrink the gap in children's educational attainment in schools?

OAQ(4)0335(ESK)

2. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on the assessment process for Dyslexia in school pupils? OAQ(4)0328(ESK)

3. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the role of school governors? OAQ(4)0342(ESK)

4. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): When will the Minister be visiting one of the colleges in Grŵp Llandrillo Menai to discuss their provision of training for jobs in construction and the environment?

OAQ(4)0337(ESK)W WITHDRAWN

5. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister make a statement on how the education system in Wales is supporting employers of the future? OAQ(4)0327(ESK)

6. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the draft budget's implications for Welsh for Adults Centres?

OAQ(4)0330(ESK)W

7. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact European Social Funding has had on FE colleges in Wales since 1999? OAQ(4)0341(ESK)

8. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What progress has been made in increasing opportunities for Welsh medium learning in further education? OAQ(4)340(ESK)

9. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the provision of quality school meals in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0339(ESK)

10. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of education in west Wales? OAQ(4)0329(ESK)

11. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the eligibility for free school meals in Wales? OAQ(4)0332(ESK)

12. Julie James (Swansea West): What is the Minister doing to break the link between poverty and poor educational attainment in Swansea West? OAAQ(4)0334(ESK)

13. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the improvement of school buildings in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0338(ESK)

14. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of STEM subjects? OAQ(4)0333(ESK)

15. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): How is the Welsh Government helping graduates from the Cynon Valley pursue postgraduate study? OAQ(4)0326(ESK)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

- 1. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on the number of female led business start-ups in Wales?
OAQ(4)0318(EST)
- 2. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the development of the HS2 railway?
OAQ(4)0317(EST)W
- 3. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the timetable for developing the Bontnewydd and Caernarfon bypass?
OAQ(4)0322(EST)W
- 4. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** What are the Minister's plans for tourism marketing in west Wales?
OAQ(4)0326(EST)W
- 5. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** How is the Welsh Government supporting Welsh companies involved in online development?
OAQ(4)0329(EST)
- 6. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the Minister outline what she is doing to improve tourism in the Vale of Clwyd?
OAQ(4)0321(EST)
- 7. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Has the Minister or her officials had any discussions with the Bank of England about addressing regional imbalances in economic recovery?
OAQ(4)0331(EST)
- 8. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What use has the Minister made of the UK Government's procurement framework when appointing research companies?
OAQ(4)0332(EST)W
- 9. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for industry?
OAQ(4)0324(EST)
- 10. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** When will the Minister next be meeting with the chair of Network Rail to discuss investment

in integrated transport to serve the constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd? OAQ(4)0325(EST)**W WITHDRAWN**

11. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): What progress has the Minister made towards the development of a network of community banks in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0330(EST)

12. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans to support Small Business Saturday on 7 December? OAQ(4)0323(EST)

13. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on economic growth in Wales? OAQ(4)0327(EST)

14. Byron Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister outline her strategy to support the aviation industry in Wales? OAQ(4)0320(EST)

15. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for strategic bus transport routes? OAQ(4)0328(EST)