

# BUSINESS PAPERS

## Part 1- Section F

Oral Assembly Questions for answer on 14 December 1999

**R Signifies the Member has declared an interest.**

**( Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets )**

To the Assembly First Secretary

- 1. David Davies (Monmouth);** If he will allow Assembly Secretary's to answer correspondence from Welsh MPs about devolved matters which fall within their portfolios. (OAQ2622JS)
- 2. David Melding (South Wales Central);** What do the latest waiting figures do to promote social inclusion. (OAQ2616JS)
- 3. Phil Williams (South Wales East);** Has he had discussions with the Secretary of State for Wales on this issue of the possibility of drawing down 7% of the contribution of Structural funds at the start of the new programming period. (OAQ2608JS)
- 4. Michael German (South Wales East);** What consideration has he given to strengthening the role of the committees in the formation of Assembly policy. (OAQ2618JS)
- 5. Alun Cairns (South Wales West);** How much match funding has been paid out of the Welsh Block Grant, per annum, over the last 10 years. (OAQ2615JS)
- 6. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnor);** What steps does he intend to take to reduce crime levels in Rural areas. (OAQ2614JS)
- 7. Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon);** As the £50 million earmarked in the budget for next year towards match funding of EU funds will be paid out to projects approved but not yet paid under the current programming period, where does the First Secretary expect the necessary match funding for projects in the new programming period to come from. (OAQ2612JS)
- 8. Gareth Jones (Conwy);** What discussions has he had with the Secretary of State for Wales on the issue of central government public sector match funding for EU funds for the new

programming period. (OAQ2603JS)

**9. Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central);** Can he explain why Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies have been given instructions to communicate with Civil Servants and Assembly Secretaries rather than with other Assembly Members. (OAQ2599JS)

**10. Christine Humphreys (North Wales);** Has he had discussions relating to the proposed increase in the Severn Bridge toll, particularly in relation to the consequences that it will have upon the Welsh Economy and the Welsh motorist. (OAQ2620JS)

**11. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);** When he will put new proposals to the Partnership Council on the top-slicing of funding for local authorities. (OQA2617JS)

**12. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);** Has he informed the Secretary of State for Wales that the Assembly adopted a motion during the European Strategy Documents debate in October, which noted that the implementation of the SPDs depends on the firm understanding that the Assembly will secure from the Treasury adequate funding additional to the Barnett block to cover, not only the full structural fund allocation to Wales from the EU, but also the necessary public component of match funding. (OAQ2606JS)

**13. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West);** What progress has he made during discussions with the Secretary of State for Wales on the Treasury's commitment to provide match funding for European grants. (OAQ2602JS)

**14. Carwyn Jones (Bridgend);** What is the latest estimate as to when the new Assembly building will be completed. (OAQ2601JS)

**15. Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli);** Given the amount of money earmarked in next year's budget of the Assembly for match funding EU funds will be paid towards projects approved under the current programming period, does he expect that it will not be possible for the Assembly to locate match funding for the new programming period from its own resources. (OAQ2607JS)

**16. Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales);** Will he make a statement regarding representations he has received on the projected increases in Council Tax. (OAQ2621JS)

**17. Alison Halford (Delyn);** who is responsible for meeting the cost of cleaning the algae from Cardiff Bay. (OAQ2595JS)

**18. Peter Black (South Wales West);** What steps he has taken, through the appropriate channels, to ensure that the language and culture of Wales and the National Assembly for Wales are promoted through representation in the Millennium Dome. (OAQ2594JS)

- 19. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East & Dinefwr);** What discussions has he had with the Secretary of State for Wales on the Treasury's commitment to provide match funding for European grants. (OAQ2609JS)
- 20. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley);** What assessment has he made of the impact of the economic regeneration of Wales should the EC be successful in making the UK government add VAT to Severn bridge tolls and what measures will he take to, lessen any detrimental impact. (OAQ2644JS)
- 21. Owen John Thomas (South Wales Central);** Will he call upon the National Museums and Galleries and the National Library of Wales to publish an inventory of all paintings in their possession which can be described as Welsh origin or inspiration, with a view to placing them on permanent display in the National Art Gallery in support of Cardiff's bid to become the European City of Culture. (OAQ2611JS)
- 22. Janet Ryder (North Wales);** What discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Wales in relation to securing adequate match funding for EU funds during the new programming period. (OAQ2604JS)
- 23. Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire);** What role does he envisage for the National Assembly in the UK Government's forthcoming consultation over the question of nuclear waste management policy. (OAQ2600JS)
- 24. Janet Davies (South Wales West);** What discussions he has had with a view to supporting and financing Welsh investors. (OAQ2596JS)
- 25. Jane Davidson (Pontypridd);** Is he able to state what the future of the Welsh Drug and Alcohol Unit will be under the recently refocused strategy. (OAQ2623JS)
- 26. William Graham (South Wales East);** Will he reassure the National Assembly that there will be no failure of any satisfactory project due to lack of matched funds for Objective 1 funding. (OAQ2613JS)
- 27. Brian Hancock (Islwyn);** What discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the issue of government match funding for EU funds in the new programming period to enable him to reflect to his colleagues in cabinet the need to provide adequate resources for the Assembly to deal with this issue. (OAQ26054JS)
- 28. Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire);** What plans dose he have to give a higher profile to the Business Partnership. (OAQ2619JS)

**29. Elin Jones (Ceredigion);** How does he propose to deal with the demand for high level of match funding for EU funds from the start of the new programming period emulating from the new rules governing the provision and timing of funding. (OAQ2610JS)

**30. Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);** What checks and controls are in place to ensure that support staff are paid at least the minimum wage (for each age group) and that they are paid for additional hours or given time off in lieu. (OAQ2636JS)