

Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 22/03/2011

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Questions to the First Minister

Research Funding

12. Bethan Jenkins: Will the First Minister provide an outline of the process for providing research funding to Welsh universities. OAQ(3)3496(FM)

The First Minister (Carwyn Jones): Research in universities in Wales is funded through the dual support system. The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales allocates grant funding, calculated by formula, which supports the research infrastructure, while the UK Research Councils and other bodies fund specific projects and programmes, usually on a competitive basis.

‘One Wales’ Programme

13. Peter Black: Will the First Minister make a statement on the completion of the One Wales programme. OAQ(3)3487(FM)

The First Minister: The huge majority of the commitments in our programme have already been delivered. Our final update of this Assembly term will show the good progress being made towards completing those few that remain, as planned.

Literacy Levels

14. Christine Chapman: What is the Welsh Assembly Government doing to improve literacy levels in schools in Wales. OAQ(3) 3498(FM)

The First Minister: Our current priority is to raise literacy standards in primary schools so that every child has the literacy skills that are essential to access learning before they leave primary school. Our new national literacy plan will provide additional support for learners aged 7 – 11.

Welsh Legal Jurisdiction

15. Leanne Wood: Has the First Minister had any discussions with the UK Government on the creation of a Welsh legal jurisdiction. OAQ(3)3483(FM)

The First Minister: No, I have not had discussions with the UK Government on the creation of a Welsh legal jurisdiction.