

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at y Cyfarfod Llawn
Information Further to Plenary**

Cyhoeddir ymatebion yn yr iaith y'u darparwyd, gyda chyfieithiad Saesneg o ymatebion yn y Gymraeg.

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**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0039(ESD) a gyhoeddwyd gan John Griffiths,
Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy, ar 15 Tachwedd 2011
Information further to OAQ(4)0039(ESD) issued by John Griffiths, the Minister for
Environment and Sustainable Development, on 15 November 2011**

At/To Nick Ramsay:

I am writing to address the issues you raised with regard to the electric vehicle infrastructure in Wales, during Oral Assembly Questions on 2 November.

The Welsh Government does not monitor the number of charge points in Wales. I understand, however, that a number of private companies and public sector bodies have installed electric vehicle charging points, such as G24 Innovations Limited (G24i) Newport and Carmarthenshire County Council. These charging points are not accessible to the public, however.

At this point, we do not believe that there is a sufficiently robust case to warrant financial intervention to increase the number of charge posts in Wales, particularly given that there are a number of private sector initiatives to install infrastructure free of charge.

For instance, Chargemaster Plc launched their POLAR project in September 2011 which aims to install 4,00 charge posts across the UK— including Cardiff—at no cost to the party hosting the charge post. Furthermore, earlier this month, Nissan announced its plans to install sixty-five charge posts in the UK, which would be strategically located at selected service stations on the motorway network, creating a 'pathway' along major UK routes. The Welsh Government is liaising with Nissan on the location of these charging posts.

Emissions from the transport sector account for around 20% of the emissions covered by the Welsh Government's 3% emission reduction target. My Cabinet colleagues and I remain committed to driving down emissions in this sector through the implementation of a range of initiatives such as Sustainable Travel Centres, investment in rail and bus services and the promotion of walking and cycling.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0043(ESD) a gyhoeddwyd gan John Griffiths,
Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy, ar 15 Tachwedd 2011
Information further to OAQ(4)0043(ESD) issued by John Griffiths, the Minister for
Environment and Sustainable Development, on 15 November 2011**

At/To Russell George:

In response to your concerns regarding the bovine TB testing procedures, I can confirm that AVHLA does have the capability of receiving TB testing information electronically. A number of veterinary practices undertaking TB testing on our behalf already make sure of this by capturing and submitting the cattle data using commercial software such as TB Master.

I fully appreciate that capturing the individual ear tag numbers is onerous and time consuming for cattle farmers and Veterinary Officers, however, this is a vital part of the process to ensure that each bovine is presented for testing and that infected cattle are accurately identified.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0051(ESD) a gyhoeddwyd gan Alun Davies, y Dirprwy Weinidog Amaethyddiaeth, Bwyd, Pysgodfeydd a Rhaglenni Ewropeaidd, ar 22 Tachwedd 2011

Information further to OAQ(4)0051(ESD) issued by Alun Davies, the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes, on 22 November 2011

At/To Andrew R.T. Davies:

On 2 November, the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development made a commitment in Plenary to provide a response to your supplementary to OAQ(4)0051(ESD), regarding an improved food safety initiative. I am responding in view of my portfolio responsibilities.

Through the Academic Expertise for Business (A4B) programme, my Department is supporting the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences' (IBERS) food safety project. The aim of the project is to develop a system that will identify miniscule traces of faecal contamination on chicken carcasses in abattoirs that can cause deadly food poisoning outbreaks.

The project intends to complete its research toward the end of 2012, when its findings on developing a system for screening poultry carcasses to reduce or remove microbial contamination will be released.