

## Answers to Questions not reached in Plenary 15/02/2011

[R] signifies that the Member has declared an interest.

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### Questions to the First Minister

#### Written Statement

*14. Brian Gibbons: Will the First Minister indicate how the Welsh Assembly Government is responding to the issues outlined in the Written Statement issued by the Minister for Business and Budget on 10 January 2011. OAQ(3)3417(FM)*

**The First Minister (Carwyn Jones):** I have called on the UK Government to restore to Wales nearly £400 million of resources voted to us by Parliament. Finance Ministers of the devolved administrations have raised this with the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Minister for Business and Budget has taken forward all her proposals within her January statement.

#### The Welsh Economy

*15. Val Lloyd: Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh economy. OAQ(3)3414(FM)*

**The First Minister:** The most recent labour market data shows that the economy in Wales remains subdued and UK gross domestic product fell by 0.5 per cent in the fourth quarter. Clearly, now is not a time for taking risks with the recovery.