

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 27 September 2010

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

[W] signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

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To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport

Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire): Of the £2 million allocated for the new Broadband Support Scheme, how much has already been awarded since the scheme opened in July 2010. (WAQ56490)

Answer issued on 14 October 2010

We have approved 32 applications to the value of £20, 518 (as at 23 September 2010). The grant will be paid to these applicants when they provide proof of purchase.

Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire): How many applications have been received under the new Broadband Support Scheme since it was launched in July 2010. (WAQ56491)

Answer issued on 14 October 2010

143 applications (as at 23 September 2010) have been received

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): How much funding has the Welsh Assembly Government given to Traveline Cymru each year for the past five years. (WAQ56492)

Answer issued on 14 October 2010

The following funding has been given to Traveline Cymru

| Year | Funding | Note |
|-----------|------------|--|
| 2005 – 06 | £779,210 | |
| 2006 – 07 | £758,959 | |
| 2007 – 08 | £1,019,823 | |
| 2008 – 09 | £937,130 | |
| 2009 - 10 | £1,256,652 | Includes £267,250 for a new web based information system. |
| 2010 – 11 | £973,606 | Includes £58,782 for developing and implementing the Cymru Connect scheme for combined bus and train journeys. |

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): How many telephone calls has Traveline Cymru received each year, for the past five years. (WAQ56493)

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Traveline Cymru records the number of incoming calls and those answered as set out in the table below. The difference in the two figures is explained by those callers who disconnected before their call was answered.

| Call Centre | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Incoming calls | 438,751 | 452,416 | 420,193 | 348,508 | 360,979 |

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|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Calls answered | 421,150 | 437,192 | 380,438 | 331,607 | 325,471 |
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Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What is the percentage breakdown of English and Welsh telephone calls received by Traveline Cymru each year, for the past five years. (WAQ56494)

Answer issued on 14 October 2010

Traveline Cymru does not collect statistics about the number of Welsh language calls to the call centre

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What plans does the Minister have to allow cancer patients living in Powys to access treatment in the County. (WAQ56488)

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What is the Minister doing to improve services for cancer patients in Powys. (WAQ56489)

Answer issued on 22 September 2010

The planning and securing of cancer services for Powys residents is a matter for Powys Local Health Board.