

## **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)0275(FIN) a gyhoeddwyd gan Jane Hutt, y Gweinidog Cyllid, ar 07 Gorffennaf 2013 Information further to OAQ(4)0275(FIN) issued by Jane Hutt, the Minister for Finance, on 07 July 2013**

#### **At/To Eluned Parrott:**

During Oral Assembly Questions on 26 June 2013 I agreed to provide you with further information on how ethical aspects of purchasing will be factored into the procurement fitness check programme that is due to start this summer.

As I stated in the Chamber, the Welsh Government is committed to ethical sourcing, and our procurement policy reflects this. The Wales Procurement Policy Statement supports the delivery of economic, environmental and social benefits and this is an integral part of the Fitness Check programme.

During the fitness checks all organisations will be assessed using the Welsh Procurement Maturity Model. This model has been developed to ensure all nine principles of the Wales Procurement Policy Statement (WPPS) are enshrined in procurement practices across Wales. Specifically the fitness checks will:-

- Examine leadership skills to ensure there is strong drive to embed the WPPS within an organisation;
- Require strategies that are based on the WPPS and evidence how social, economic and environmental impacts are factored into procurement activity;
- Examine the use of best practice tools such as the Sustainability Risk Assessment when defining needs, to ensure social, economic and environmental needs have been considered;
- Require effective contract management to help ensure that the stated objectives of the procurement, including ethical outcomes, are achieved;
- Examine the use of other best practice tools that support ethical procurement activity, including the Supplier Qualification Information Database (SQuID) and Community Benefits; and
- Consider the organisation's capability and capacity in terms of a professionally resourced Procurement function capable of delivering against the principles of the WPPS, including ethical procurement issues.

I hope this reassures you that ethical purchasing is considered as part of best practice procurement policy and will be encouraged and monitored through the forthcoming Fitness Check Programme.