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NEWS FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

- **Ministerial statement on framework within which future applications for coal extraction applications should be determined and mineral resources should be safeguarded (20.01.09)**
- **£1.4m-funded programme launched to help overweight and obese children manage their weight and become fitter, healthier and happier (20.01.09)**
- **£68m funding package announced for apprenticeships and ProAct to support businesses, employees and learners (26.01.09)**
- **Minister for Rural Affairs establishes a Land Use Climate Change Group to look at how agriculture can meet the challenge of food security while reducing greenhouse gas emissions (27.01.09)**
- **Minister acknowledges challenges ahead, despite £270 million available to tackle fuel poverty in Wales (28.01.09)**

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

- **Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee publishes report on its inquiry into Local Service Boards (12.08)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee issue response to the Welsh Assembly Government's consultation on its proposals for School Organisation (12.08)**
- **Statement of Opinion supporting the Co-operative Party's "People's Rail Campaign" to deliver a mutually run, more publicly accountable Network Rail (15.01.09)**
- **Enterprise and Learning Committee continue their inquiry into proposed legislation on Traffic Free Routes (22.01.09)**
- **Plenary debate on a Bioenergy Action Plan Consultation (27.01.09)**
- **Sustainability Committee continue inquiry into carbon reduction in Wales: scrutiny session on Planning (29.01.09)**

CONSULTATIONS

- **One Wales: One Planet: Consultation on a new sustainable development scheme for Wales (deadline 4th February)**
- **Rural Development Sub-Committee Inquiry into the Production and Promotion of Welsh Food (deadline 13th February)**
- **Green Jobs for Wales (deadline 20th February)**
- **Climate Change Strategy for Wales (deadline 20th February)**
- **Consultation on the next stage in the proposed reform of the NHS in Wales (deadline 25th February)**
- **Strategic Policy Position Statement on Water (deadline 25th February)**
- **Revised Guidance on the Power to Promote or Improve Economic, Social and Environmental Well-Being (deadline 20 March)**
- **The All Wales Community Cohesion Strategy (deadline 6th April)**
- **Severn Tidal Power Feasibility Study: Public Consultation (deadline 23rd April)**
- **Sustainable Homes: A National Housing Strategy for Wales Consultation (deadline 1st May)**

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- **Institute for Public Policy Research report, 'Just Desserts? Securing global food futures'**
- **New Economics Foundation report on 'National Accounts of Well-being: bringing real wealth onto the balance sheet'**

COMING UP

National Energy and Savings Plan to be revealed in March, to include principles:

- **Focusing investment where it can have the biggest impact on greenhouse gas emissions and energy bills**
- **Focusing Assembly Government efforts on those that need help the most**
- **Bringing investment into Wales, through funding schemes or business opportunities in providing low carbon solutions for the built environment**
- **Supporting small businesses**

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