

# National Assembly for Wales

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**Nick Ramsay:** Leader of the House, last week, we had urgent questions on the issue of asbestos in schools and specifically the temporary closure of Cwmcarn High School because asbestos was causing a problem there. It is very important that we have an update from your Government as soon as possible on how policy is being developed to deal with this unfolding problem of asbestos in our school stock. There are growing concerns among parents. Those fears need to be allayed as soon as possible. Shortly, I will be launching the Parents' Right to Know campaign, which we hope will see a database being brought into being that will allow people to get information on asbestos in schools. I would be grateful for your views on that and I would like the Welsh Government to make a statement on it as soon as possible.

**Jane Hutt:** The Minister for Education and Skills told the Chamber last week that his department has written to all local authorities in Wales to confirm that they are undertaking their statutory duties in accordance with current legislation, and asking for their existing plans for the management of asbestos in schools to be reviewed accordingly. It also asked authorities to ensure that there are appropriate contingency plans in place for the continuing education of pupils affected by emergency school closures, such as that experienced by Cwmcarn school. Therefore, the Minister has taken action accordingly, as he indicated last week.

2.45 p.m.