

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 20 June 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda (73)v4

1. Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (45 mins)

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2. Questions to the Counsel General (5 mins)

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Urgent Question

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the First Minister urgently clarify the Welsh Government's efforts to attract Trident Nuclear Missiles to Milford Haven?

3. Motion to amend Standing Orders in relation to Private Bills and Miscellaneous Amendments (5 mins)

NDM5014 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders: Private Bills and Miscellaneous Changes' laid in the Table Office on 13 June 2012; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders, as set out in Annexes B and D of the Report of the Business Committee.

Supporting Document:
[Report of the Business Committee](#)

4. Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Inquiry into the Provision of Affordable Housing in Wales (60 mins)

NDM5013 Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee: The provision of affordable housing in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 23 April 2012.

Note: The response of the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage to the report was laid in the Table Office on 13 June 2012.

Supporting Documents:

[Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee](#)
[Response of the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage](#)

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5015 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of transport connectivity for economic growth in Wales;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities, Welsh MPs and the Department for Transport to deliver electrification of the Great Western Main Line to Swansea and electrification of the South Wales valley lines;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to outline an integrated strategy to connect South and West Wales to the electrified main rail line; and
4. Regrets that successive Labour led Governments in Wales have failed to connect communities across Wales through an integrated transport network.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point 2 and re-number accordingly:

Regrets that the previous UK Labour government had no plans to electrify the Valleys Line.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

‘Notes that rail infrastructure spending is not devolved and is the responsibility of the UK Government and that Network Rail spending was devolved to the Scottish Government in 2006.’

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at start of point 2:

‘Notes that the previous UK Labour government did not electrify a single mile of the Great Western Main Line and’

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

In point 2, delete ‘Welsh MPs’ and replace with ‘MPs’

Amendment 5 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

‘Calls on the Welsh Government to seek the devolution of Network Rail's budget and all other rail infrastructure responsibilities.’

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point 4 and re-number accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to establish the feasibility of introducing a Wales-wide Oystercard, working with train and bus companies to ensure that people can travel around Wales easily.

[If amendment 7 is agreed, amendment 8 will be deselected]

Amendment 7 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

In point 4, delete all before ‘to connect communities’ and replace with ‘Welcomes the work undertaken by both the One Wales and the current Labour Governments’

Amendment 8 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 4 delete: ‘Regrets that successive Labour led Governments in Wales’ and replace with:

‘Regrets that successive Labour and Conservative led UK Governments’

Amendment 9 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that north Wales is able to take advantage of HS2 and ensure that West Coast main line services to Holyhead are not adversely

affected by any changes.

Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Supports the case for the re-opening of stations in Bow Street and Carno.

6. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM5016 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that:

a) there is no room for complacency in delivering maternity and neonatal services across Wales;

b) it is the responsibility of the Welsh Government to hold Local Health Boards to account through a meaningful mechanism for monitoring the quality of maternity and neonatal care across Wales;

c) there are new challenges facing Wales and that the social and economic context in which maternity and neonatal services operate is constantly changing;

d) every woman in Wales, irrespective of her location, social background, circumstances or ethnicity, should have access to, and receive, safe high quality maternity and neonatal care;

e) there has been a lack of significant improvement in maternity and neonatal Services since 1999; and

f) that the current statistics for neo-natal and maternity services are unacceptable.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) provide strong, strategic leadership to Local Health Boards throughout Wales to ensure that maternity and neonatal services improve;

b) ensure that any review of neo-natal services undertaken by Local Health Boards are endorsed by the Neonatal Network to ensure that any proposals do not compromise the provision of a comprehensive All-Wales service; and

c) ensure that any review of maternity services undertaken by Local Health Boards are endorsed by the All Wales Implementation Group to ensure that any proposals do not compromise the provision of a comprehensive All-Wales service.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete sub-points 1e and 1f.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 2:

undertake long term work force planning to ensure sufficient specialist staff are available for neonatal services throughout the country.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Welsh Government's record-breaking cuts to the Welsh National Health Service budget and that these have the potential to jeopardise any attempts to improve maternity and neonatal services across Wales.

Voting Time

7. Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5017 Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):

The impact of welfare reform on mental health and wellbeing in Wales.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 26 June 2012