

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 16 January 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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Wales



Agenda (106)v4

1. Questions to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (45 mins)

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

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Urgent Question

Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of Welsh Country Foods in Gaerwen, and the 350 jobs at the plant.

3. Motion to elect a Member to a committee (5 mins)

NDM5140 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Bethan Jenkins (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Children and Young People Committee in place of Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru).

4. Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's short report on Coastal Protection in Wales (60 mins)

NDM5136 Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its inquiry into coastal protection in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 22 October 2012.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was laid in the Table Office on 9 January 2013.

Supporting documents:

[Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's response](#)

5. Debate on the Children and Young People Committee's Inquiry into Adoption (60 mins)

NDM5133 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Children and Young People Committee on the inquiry into Adoption, which was laid in the Table Office on 8 November 2012.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was laid on 9 January 2013.

Supporting documents:

[Children and Young People Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's response](#)

6. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5134 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the severe flooding which affected the whole of Wales in 2012 causing devastation to communities throughout Wales.

2. Recognises the excellent work of the emergency services and the strength of

community spirit in tackling the effects of severe flooding.

3. Recognises the importance of a cross–portfolio approach to flood and coastal erosion management in Wales.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that development on floodplains is reviewed as a central element of the Planning Bill.

5. Further calls on the Welsh Government to provide assurances that the new Natural Resources Wales body will effectively manage and support all efforts to tackle flooding in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 1:

'and expresses regret that as our climate changes and sea levels rise, the scale and frequency of such events will inevitably increase'

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 3:

'and the benefit of local knowledge in devising effective land management practices, to reduce the incidence of flooding'

Amendment 3 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 4 and re–number accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to support the setting up of a Flood Forum for Wales.

Amendment 4 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

In point 4, delete all after 'reviewed as' and insert 'part of its planning policy'

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 4:

'and that Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15 is urgently revised to bring it in line with current policy and legislation'

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development and Flood Risk can be accessed on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/policy/tans/tan15/;jsessionid=64297ABF251B0956D3E7CB8480E448F2?lang=en>

Amendment 6 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to press the UK Government to negotiate a revised Statement of Principles on flooding with insurance companies as the current Statement of Principles expires on 30 June 2013.

The Statement of Principles can be found on the following link:

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/flooding/documents/interim2/sop-insurance-agreement-080709.pdf>

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets the decision by the Welsh Government to rule out a public inquiry into the recent flooding in Denbighshire.

Amendment 8 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to actively engage with and submit evidence to the

independent investigation being commissioned by Denbighshire Council into the recent flooding.

Voting Time

7. Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5135 Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):

The importance of retaining level 3 neonatal care in North Wales

A debate highlighting the threat to the level 3 Neonatal care service to parents in North Wales, and the potential impact on families and children in North Wales.

8. Short Debate – postponed from 5 December (30 mins)

NDM5113 Ken Skates (Clwyd South):

The Nutritional Recession – The impact of rising food prices and shrinking budgets on the nutritional health of Wales

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 22 January 2013

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 3 January 2013
for answer on 16 January 2013

R – Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

W – Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development

1. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on how advances in GM technology are assessed in Wales. OAQ(4)0209(ESD)
2. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's energy policy priorities for mid Wales. OAQ(4)0201(ESD)
3. Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West): Will the Minister make a statement on air quality standards in inner city areas in Wales. OAQ(4)0199(ESD)
4. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister make a statement on the promotion of animal welfare. OAQ(4)0205(ESD)
5. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister confirm the Welsh Government's position on the devolution of energy policy. OAQ(4)0206(ESD)
6. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement about the role of the Welsh language within the planning process. OAQ(4)0204(ESD)W
7. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for environmental projects in Islwyn. OAQ(4)0200(ESD)

8. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide an update on the development of the new planning system for Wales. OAQ(4)0202(ESD) WITHDRAWN

9. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): What discussions has the Minister has with Hafren Power regarding the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Severn Barrage. OAQ(4)0210(ESD)

10. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What steps has the Welsh Government taken to ensure that planning applicants will get a response to inquiries from Natural Resources Wales within a set time frame. OAQ(4)0211(ESD)

11. Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth): Will the Minister make a statement on the costs to the consumer of transporting energy to Wales. OAQ(4)0203(ESD)

12. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister outline his budget priorities for the next 12 months. OAQ(4)0198(ESD)

13. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the joint research being commissioned to study the impact of releasing air lanterns. OAQ(4)0212(ESD)

14. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What consultation has the Minister had with Cabinet colleagues about the application of the City Region concept to the planning process. OAQ(4)0207(ESD)

15. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's targets for household recycling in Wales. OAQ(4)0208(ESD)

To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

1. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister outline his priorities for tackling homelessness over the next six months. OAQ(4)0199(HRH)

2. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What is the Welsh Government doing to promote participation in sport in Wales. OAQ(4)0207(HRH)
3. **Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** How does the Minister plan to promote take up of the Mortgage Guarantee Scheme in Rural Areas. OAQ(4)0210(HRH)
4. **Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is helping first time buyers get on the housing ladder. OAQ(4)0205(HRH)
5. **Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth):** Will the Minister make a statement on the take up of sport amongst people under the age of 16 in Wales. OAQ(4)0206(HRH)
6. **Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the Welsh Government's Affordable Housing Revenue Grant Scheme. OAQ(4)0200(HRH) WITHDRAWN
7. **Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister make a statement on Cadw's change of use procedures for Listed Buildings. OAQ(4)0208(HRH)
8. **Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on his portfolio priorities for 2013. OAQ(4)0197(HRH)
9. **Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policies to tackle homelessness. OAQ(4)0202(HRH)
10. **Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister provide an update on his priorities for 2013. OAQ(4)0196(HRH) WITHDRAWN

11. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the latest figures regarding participation in sport and physical activities. OAQ(4)0211(HRH)W

12. Ken Skates (Clwyd South): Will the Minister outline his priorities for north Wales in the next twelve months. OAQ(4)0198(HRH)

13. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's regeneration priorities for mid Wales. OAQ(4)0204(HRH)

14. David Rees (Aberavon): What is the Welsh Government doing in response to the impact of housing benefit change. OAQ(4)0209(HRH)

15. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister outline what he is doing to protect religious buildings in Wales. OAQ(4)0201(HRH)