

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 26 February 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda (115)v5

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### **1. Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**

The Presiding Officer will call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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#### **Proposal for an Urgent Debate**

Simon Thomas:

That the Assembly should consider the Welsh Ministers' response to the Welsh Language Commissioner's proposals for Welsh language standards.

### **2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)**

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

### **3. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: The Estyn Reports on Merthyr Tydfil and Monmouthshire (45 mins)**

Supporting Documents

[Estyn Report on Merthyr Tydfil](#)

[Estyn Report on Monmouthshire](#)

[Cabinet Written Statement](#)

### **4. Statement by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development:**

## **Developing community energy schemes in Wales (45 mins)**

### **5. Statement by the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage: Sporting Opportunities for Disabled People in Wales (30 mins)**

### **6. Debate: Government support for new business in Wales (60 mins)**

**NDM5169 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to ensure that there is a wide range of advice and initiatives to encourage and support entrepreneurship and start-up businesses in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

#### **Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point 1 and renumber:

'Expresses concern that many new businesses in Wales rely on bank overdrafts and credit cards as primary sources of funding to cover cash flow problems for day to day activities.'

#### **Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Delete 'Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to ensure that there is' and replace with 'Notes the importance of the Welsh Government providing'.

#### **Amendment 3 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales east)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the business birth rate for the priority sectors is lower than that of the non-priority sectors and calls on the government to ensure entrepreneurship is promoted in schools and colleges.

#### **Amendment 4 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales east)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consider the merits of bringing different

government support schemes and initiatives together in order to develop a more consistent and coordinated approach to business start-up support.

**Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the enterprise birth rate in Wales remains below the UK average.

**Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need to harness entrepreneurial spirit from a young age and believes the establishment of social enterprises in all secondary schools would ensure our young people are equipped with important business skills.

**Amendment 7 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to prioritise a localised approach to supporting new businesses.

**Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the positive impact business rate relief has in encouraging the development of business start-ups in Wales, and urges the Welsh Government to provide further rate relief for small businesses.

**Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes the proposals for new business outlined in ‘A Vision for Welsh Investment: Invest Wales’ should be strongly considered by the review into Welsh business access to finance commissioned by the Welsh Government in January 2013.

‘A Vision for Welsh Investment: Invest Wales’ can be found on the following link:

[http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/invest\\_wales\\_final.pdf](http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/invest_wales_final.pdf)

**Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to promote a range of sources of funding for start-up businesses, for example through Credit Unions and other Community Development Finance Initiatives.

**Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to further promote entrepreneurship opportunities in Wales to students studying at both Higher and Further Education levels.

**Voting Time**

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 27 February 2013

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 21 February 2013 for answer on 26 February 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)

The Presiding Officer has agreed to call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

### To ask the First Minister

1. **Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Further to the Welsh Government's submission of evidence to the Silk Commission, will the First Minister make a statement on the possible devolution of policing in Wales.

OAQ(4)0921(FM)

2. **David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the progress of implementing the Science Strategy as it comes to the completion of its first year. OAQ(4)0927(FM)

3. **Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What action will the Welsh Government take during 2013 to support veterans in Wales.

OAQ(4)0920(FM)

4. **Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** What is the Welsh Government doing to encourage cross border economic development in North Wales.

OAQ(4)0925(FM)

5. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the First Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's plans to increase organ

donation in North Wales. OAQ(4)0930(FM)

6. **Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the First Minister confirm the Welsh Government's commitment to the 'Towards Zero Waste' strategy. OAQ(4)0923(FM)W

7. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's commitment to renewable energy in Wales. OAQ(4)0928(FM)

8. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the evaluation of consenting performance of renewable energy schemes in Wales. OAQ(4)0932(FM)

9. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to revitalise the Welsh economy. OAQ(4)0919(FM)

10. **Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the First Minister provide an update on what the Welsh Government is doing to minimise the impact of domestic flooding. OAQ(4)0934(FM)

11. **Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the provision of IVF services for residents of South Wales West. OAQ(4)0918(FM)

12. **Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) (Wales) Order 2006. OAQ(4)0926(FM)

13. **William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the First Minister outline Welsh Government policies to promote tourism in South Wales East. OAQ(4)0931(FM)

14. **Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What measures is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that adequate counselling is available for victims of child abuse within care homes in North Wales. OAQ(4)0922(FM)W

15. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's approach to the future survival of Welsh high streets and town centres. OAQ(4)0933(FM)

# Agenda Item 2

## Business Statement and Announcement

Tuesday 5 March & Wednesday 6 March 2013

Tuesday 12 March & Wednesday 13 March 2013

Tuesday 19 March & Wednesday 20 March 2013

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Tuesday 5 March 2013

### Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science: Business Rates (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Youth Engagement and Progression (30 mins)
- Debate: The Second Supplementary Budget 2012-13 (30 mins)
- Debate: International Women's Day (60 mins)
- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Public Audit (Wales) Bill (90 mins)

"In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47. If the proposition is agreed:

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Public Audit (Wales) Bill."

Wednesday 6 March 2013

### Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)



- Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Communities (45 mins)

#### **Assembly Business**

- Debate on the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the establishment of a separate Welsh jurisdiction (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – William Powell (Mid and West Wales) (30 mins)

**Tuesday 12 March 2013**

#### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes: The Guilford Report on the Arrangements for Implementation of the European Programmes 2014–2020 (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes: The Working Smarter Update Report (30 mins)
- Official Statistics (Wales) Order 2013 (15 mins)
- Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Detection of Fraud and Enforcement) (Wales) Regulations (15 mins)
- Debate: Quality in NHS Wales – ensuring learning from the Francis Report (60 mins)

**Wednesday 13 March 2013**

#### **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (45 mins)

#### **Assembly Business**

- Stage 1 Debate on the Regulated Mobile Home Sites (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

#### **Government Business**

- Financial Resolution on the Regulated Mobile Home Sites (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

#### **Assembly Business**

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire) (30 mins)

### **Tuesday 19 March 2013**

#### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: Communities First (30 mins)
- Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 (30 mins)
- Debate: The Estyn Annual Report 2011–12 (60 mins)
- Debate: The Patients' Voice – Strengthening the Role of Community Health Councils (60 mins)

### **Wednesday 20 March 2013**

#### **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (45 mins)

#### **Assembly Business**

- Stage 1 Debate on the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

#### **Government Business**

- Financial Resolution on the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

#### **Assembly Business**

- Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on the Inquiry into marine policy in Wales (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Ken Skates (Clwyd South) (30 mins)