

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 27 February 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda (116)v3

1. Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)

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2. Questions to the Counsel General (10 mins)

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Motion to suspend Standing Orders

NDM5177 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly statement and announcement to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM5176 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday 5 March 2013.

3. Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)

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4. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5171 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of recognising and celebrating Welsh cultural identity;
2. Believes consideration should be given to the introduction of a Welsh Honours System to acknowledge and reward those who have made valuable contributions to Welsh life; and
3. Welcomes the widespread public support which exists for making St. David's Day a national holiday in Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to make appropriate representations to achieve that aim.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point at end of the motion:

Believes that the Welsh language is an integral part of the diversity and cultural identity of Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to outline how it will meet its targets to increase the number of pupils who learn through the medium of Welsh, to improve the everyday use of the Welsh language by future generations.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5172 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the negative impact that poor ambulance response times can have on the health and wellbeing of patients;
2. Notes that 11 ambulance stations have closed in Wales since 2008/09;
3. Expresses concern that too many Welsh patients are waiting in excess of target times for an ambulance response;

4. Regrets that the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust has reduced the total number of emergency ambulances operating in Wales in recent years;

5. Regrets that the uncertainty surrounding the future shape of ambulance services has the potential to undermine the on-going process of NHS reorganisation in Wales.

6. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

a) increase the number of emergency ambulances operating in Wales;

b) ensure that Wales has an adequate network of ambulance stations across the country; and

c) provide an assurance that the on-going Ministerial review of the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust will deliver improved response times.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert at the end of point 3:

‘and that some patients not classed as a category A emergency are subsequently waiting several hours in pain for an ambulance to become available’

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 6c) delete ‘deliver improved response times’ and replace with:

‘:

i) deliver measurable improved patient outcomes; and

ii) examine the appropriateness of the current stand-alone model’

Amendment 3 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new sub point at end of point 6:

‘invest in the up skilling and training of existing ambulance service staff to paramedic level.’

6. Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5170 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to ensure that workforce planning within the NHS has been robust and sufficient to meet the needs of the Welsh population over the long term; and
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to address the shortage of doctors by introducing a programme of financial incentives to increase the training of doctors in areas where there are, or are predicted to be, shortages.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the General Medical Council survey of junior doctors in Wales which revealed huge inconsistencies in the standard of medical training at Welsh hospitals and calls on the Welsh Government to invest in more modern medical techniques and medicines, to improve junior doctor training and educational opportunities at Wales' hospitals and attract more medical staff to Wales.

The General Medical Council Survey can be found on the following link:

http://www.gmc-uk.org/National_training_survey_2012_key_findings_report.pdf_49280407.pdf

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In point 2 delete ‘introducing’ and replace with ‘giving consideration to the introduction of’

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that current financial pressures faced by the Welsh NHS have the potential to contribute to recruitment challenges.

Voting Time

7. Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5173 Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales):

A scan in time – MRI breast scanning for high risk young women

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 5 March 2013

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 20 February 2013 for answer on 27 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)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

1. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on the physical condition of NHS owned GP surgeries in Wales.

OAQ(4)0237(HSS)

2. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister provide an update on the Ministerial review of Welsh ambulance services. OAQ(4)0241(HSS)

3. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What is the Welsh Government doing to support healthcare workers to deal with families affected by the current welfare reforms. OAQ(4)0230(HSS)

4. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): What is the Welsh Government doing to support people with caring responsibilities. OAQ(4)0242(HSS)

5. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement on ambulance response times for Rhondda Cynon Taf. OAQ(4)0239(HSS)

6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): How long, on average, are paramedics waiting to transfer patients at hospitals in the Aneurin Bevan Health Board area. OAQ(4)0235(HSS)

7. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement outlining the NHS provision and support for frontline emergency service workers suffering with work related PTSD. OAQ(4)0240(HSS)

8. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's commitment to introduce health checks for people aged over 50. OAQ(4)0234(HSS)

9. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister outline the reports received from the Health Inspectorate over the past 12 months. OAQ(4)0243(HSS)W

10. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What action will the Welsh Government take during 2013 to improve health care for the over 50s in Wales. OAQ(4)0232(HSS)

11. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Has the Minister received any advice over the safety of the anti-depressant drug Citalopram. OAQ(4)0236(HSS)

12. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on support for people with dementia in Wales. OAQ(4)0233(HSS)

13. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide an update on local health board reorganisation plans across Wales. OAQ(4)0231(HSS)

14. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister detail the Welsh Government's plans to improve care for the elderly over the next 12 months. OAQ(4)0238(HSS)

15. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): What recent discussions has the Minister had with representatives of the Food Standards Agency to discuss meat processing standards in Wales. OAQ(4)0244(HSS)W TRANSFERRED FOR WRITTEN ANSWER BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD, FISHERIES AND EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES

To ask the Counsel General

1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Counsel General make a statement on discussions he has had on law reform.
OAQ(4)0045(CGE)W

To ask the Assembly Commission

1. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Assembly Commission make a statement on their strategic plan of engaging with more young people in Wales. OAQ(4)0071(AC)

2. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Commission had regarding supporting Cross-Party Groups.
OAQ(4)0070(AC)W