Plenary

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 5 March 2013

Meeting time:

13:30

Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru

National Assembly for **Wales**



Agenda

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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.

View Questions

Presiding Officer Statement

The Presiding Officer announced that on 4 March, Royal Assent was given to the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013.

- 2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins) View Business Statement and Announcement
- 3. Statement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science: Business Rates (30 mins)
- 4. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Youth Engagement and Progression Postponed until 23 April
- 5. Debate: The Second Supplementary Budget 2012-13 (30 mins)

NDM5162 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves

the Second Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2012-13 laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on Tuesday, 5 February 2013.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20, the Supplementary Budget comprises the following information:

I) the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act:

II) the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;

III) a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;

IV) a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion; and

V) a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c).

The following additional information has been made available to Members:

- a note explaining the main changes from previous plans.

Supporting Documents:

The Second Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2012-13

Explanatory Note

Finance Committee's Report

Research Paper: <u>Second Supplementary Budget 2012–13 (February 2013)</u> – Research Service

6. Debate: International Women's Day (60 mins)

NDM5174 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Celebrates International Women's Day 2013 in recognition of the role and contribution of women in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the courage of women who have suffered abuse in reporting incidents and calls on the Welsh Government to promote an integrated strategy to tackle domestic and sexual violence.

Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways to increase the number of women in positions of power and influence in Wales.

7. Debate on the Welsh Ministers' response to the Welsh Language Commissioner's proposals for Welsh language standards (60 mins) NNDM5176 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

That the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Notes that:
- (a) the Minister for Education and Skills has decided not to proceed with the Welsh Language Commissioner's proposed Welsh language standards;
- (b) the Minister now intends to build on the Welsh Language Commissioner's consultation to develop a set of standards which will see rights established for Welsh speakers, with regard to Welsh language services; and
- (c) the Minister intends to make, with the National Assembly's approval, regulations making standards, and making the standards specifically applicable to persons, by

the end of 2014.

The proposed Welsh language standards can be accessed here:

http://www.comisiynyddygymraeg.org/English/Publications/Pages/PublicationDetail

s.aspx?PublicationId=50faecf9-67bb-4058-af3c-9ecdc6d14739&Year=2012

The Welsh Language Commissioner's consultation can be accessed here:

http://www.comisiynyddygymraeg.org/English/Publications/Pages/PublicationDetail

s.aspx?PublicationId=3b166697-643b-435d-ac82-463543fb5cae&Year=2012

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that, over two years after the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 was passed, we are still a long way from the adoption of a formal set of standards for Welsh language services.

The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, as passed can be accessed on the following link:

http://www.assemblywales.org/welsh_language_measure_as_passed-e.pdf

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a detailed timetable of action for the introduction of Welsh language standards by 2014.

8. Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Public Audit (Wales) Bill (60 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.

The Amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:

1. Technical and consequential

28, 29, 14, 26, 15A, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

2. Scheme of delegation

2, 3

3. WAO Employee Members

4, 5, 6, 7, 25

4. Annual plan

8, 9, 11

5. Preparation of interim reports

10, 12, 13

6. Transfer of staff to WAO

1*, 1A*, 27

* These amendments will be disposed of in the order—1A, 1

Supporting Documents:

Public Audit (Wales) Bill

Explanatory Memorandum

Marshalled List of Amendments

Grouping of Amendments

9. Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Public Audit (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

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.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 6 March 2013