

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 1 May 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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Agenda (128)v3

1. Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport – question sessions re-ordered (45 mins)

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

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3. Motion to amend Standing Orders 26 and 26A in relation to the Reconsideration Stage (5 mins)

NDM5226 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 26 and 26A: Reconsideration Stage' laid in the Table Office on 24 April 2013; and

2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 26 and 26A, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

Supporting documents:

[Business Committee report](#)

4. Motion to amend Standing Orders 21 and 27 in relation to Reporting on Statutory Instruments (5 mins)

NDM5227 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 21 and 27: Reporting on Statutory Instruments' laid in the Table Office on 24 April 2013; and

2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 21 and 27, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

Supporting documents:

[Business Committee report](#)

5. Motion to amend Standing Orders 29 and 30 on Consent in Relation to UK Parliament Bills (5 mins)

NDM5225 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 29 and 30: Consent in Relation to UK Parliament Bills' laid in the Table Office on 24 April 2013; and

2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 29 and 30, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

Supporting documents:

[Business Committee report](#)

6. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5216 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that most people who use Welsh NHS services do so responsibly.
2. Regrets the adverse impact of irresponsible patient behaviour by a minority of people who use the Welsh NHS.
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to take action to discourage irresponsible patient behaviour and promote greater responsibility amongst those who use the NHS.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that in 2011/12 an estimated £21.6million worth of medicines were wasted across Wales and welcomes the recent campaign launched by Welsh local health boards to reduce unnecessary medicine waste.

7. Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5224 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose his National Assembly:

Calls on the Welsh government to remit the Commission on Public Service Governance to address the current lack of democratic accountability within the NHS by considering:

- a) direct elections to Local Health Boards;
- b) democratic oversight of joint working and pooled budget arrangements between Health Boards and local authorities;
- c) the election of service users to Community Health Councils; and
- d) the financial accountability of Local Health Boards directly to the National Assembly's Finance Committee

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete ‘remit the Commission on Public Service Governance to address the current lack of democratic accountability within the NHS by considering:’ and replace with ‘include within the terms of reference of the Commission on Public Service Governance the current lack of democratic accountability within the NHS and whether this could be addressed through:’

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete sub-point d) and replace with:

‘the role of the National Assembly and local authorities in the financial accountability arrangements for the Welsh NHS.’

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete sub-point d)

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new sub-point d) and renumber accordingly:

‘the adoption of a standard specification of skills, experience and aptitude required for members elected to Community Health Council executive committees;’

Amendment 5– William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new sub-point at end of motion:

‘a requirement for local health boards to publish details of every item of expenditure above £500 (other than individual staff costs) online for public scrutiny’.

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new sub-point at end of motion:

‘the role of third sector organisations in improving the accountability of the NHS to the people of Wales.’

8. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM5228 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that future support for school standards in Wales must focus on allowing every pupil to reach their full potential and give schools the power to drive standards up.
2. Notes that analysis by the Institute of Welsh Affairs highlights that where schools focus on the trajectory of its pupils as much as on their absolute standard of attainment, with the appropriate use of internal evaluation and monitoring, standards can be raised in schools on an individual pupil basis.
3. Welcomes the commitment by the Welsh Government to ensure that Estyn reports on how effectively the Pupil Deprivation Grant is being used by schools to narrow the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and more affluent backgrounds.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) develop an individual pupil monitoring programme to measure pupils’ progress, allowing schools to target efforts at those pupils who are not meeting their potential;
 - b) substantially increase funding for the Pupil Deprivation Grant and ensure that schools publicise how this funding has been spent, to encourage accountability, effective targeting and the sharing of best practice; and
 - c) reform the school banding system to ensure that it measures school performance with regard to individual pupil performance, including re-structuring the system to demonstrate how well schools are achieving in supporting pupils to meet their own potential.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In point 1, after ‘pupil’ insert ‘, regardless of background or ability,’

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 1 add ‘and educational bodies’ after ‘give schools’

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete point 3.

Amendment 4 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete point 4

[If amendment 4 is agreed, amendments 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be de-selected]

Amendment 5– William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete sub-point 4a) and replace with:

‘Enable schools to measure pupils’ progress consistently across the country with the minimum of bureaucracy.’

[If amendment 5 is agreed, amendment 6 will be de-selected]

Amendment 6– Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In sub-point 4a) delete ‘develop’ and replace with ‘promote’

Amendment 7 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete sub-point 4b) and replace with

‘consider future funding for the Pupil Deprivation Grant based on Estyn's analysis of

its effectiveness and other relevant evidence’

[If amendment 7 is agreed, amendment 8 will be de-selected]

Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In sub-point 4b), delete all before ‘funding has’ and replace with ‘Ensure that schools publicise how’

Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In sub-point 4c), delete all after ‘pupil performance’

[If amendment 9 is agreed, amendment 10 will be de-selected]

Amendment 10 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at the end of sub-point 4c)

‘, and promoting co-operation before competition’

Voting Time

9. Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5215 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):

Building a 21st Century Rural Road Network: The Case for Dualling the A40 in Pembrokeshire

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 7 May 2013

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 24 April 2013 for answer on 1 May 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 Education and Skills

1. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the number of pupils who continue with Welsh medium education after receiving Welsh medium education in primary school?

OAQ(4)0254(ESK)W

2. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement concerning the number of local education authorities within South Wales East who are in special measures? OAQ(4)0255(ESK)

3. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on his plans for higher education in North Wales?

OAQ(4)0261(ESK)

4. Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): What plans does the Welsh Government have to ensure support for pupils with special needs in getting Welsh medium education? OAQ(4)0259(ESK)W

5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) Leiden Ranking 2013 of Welsh universities? OAQ(4)0258(ESK)

6. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister provide an

update on his department's assessment of Powys' Welsh in Education Strategic Plan for 2013–2014? OAQ(4)0264(ESK)

7. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is encouraging more diversity in the teaching profession? OAQ(4)0252(ESK)

8. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government action to support children with special educational needs? OAQ(4)0260(ESK)W

9. Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth): Will the Minister make a statement on creating federated secondary schools to help raise educational standards? OAQ(4)0262(ESK)

10. Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on his efforts to promote the Welsh language as a community language? OAQ(4)0266(ESK)W

11. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister state what provisions have been made within the post 16 education funding settlement for any additional resource costs incurred by Welsh medium schools? OAQ(4)0263(ESK)

12. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister make a statement on the role of the private sector in the promotion of the Welsh language? OAQ(4)0251(ESK)W

13. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What is the Welsh Government doing to achieve the objectives of the Welsh Medium Education Strategy? OAQ(4)0265(ESK)W

14. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): Will the Minister make a

statement on his strategic objectives in relation to nursery education?
OAQ(4)0256(ESK)

15. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of secondary education in Islwyn? OAQ(4)0253(ESK)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

1. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): What is the Welsh Government doing to encourage the next generation of Welsh entrepreneurs?
OAQ(4)0249(EST)

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of household disposable income levels on the economy? OAQ(4)0258(EST)

3. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on support for tourism in mid Wales? OAQ(4)0253(EST)

4. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister provide a progress report on the impact on communities following the introduction of the Regional Transport Service Grant? OAQ(4)0261(EST)

5. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister provide an update regarding the implementation of an hourly train service on the Cambrian Line? OAQ(4)0263(EST)

6. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What are the Welsh Government's priorities for improving transport infrastructure in North Wales? OAQ(4)0262(EST)

7. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What discussions have the Welsh Government had with the UK Government with regard to improvements to the junction between the A55 and the A483? OAQ(4)0252(EST)W

8. **Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the Minister outline her priorities for transport in the next twelve months? OAQ(4)0255(EST)

9. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on her considerations for a local Growth Zone in the Teifi Valley? OAQ(4)0260(EST)W

10. **Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** Will the minister make a statement on progress in implementing the City Regions Report? OAQ(4)0256(EST)

11. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress towards creating improved transport links in north west Wales? OAQ(4)0251(EST)W

12. **Ken Skates (Clwyd South):** Will the Minister outline what steps the Welsh Government is taking to support the Welsh high street? OAQ(4)0254(EST)

13. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** What plans does the Minister have to tackle youth unemployment in the Vale of Clwyd? OAQ(4)0250(EST)

14. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for transport in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0259(EST)W

15. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on plans to improve the A487 around the Dyfi Bridge? OAQ(4)0257(EST)