

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 14 May 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda (131)v5

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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2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the First Minister: Progress on Implementing "Energy Wales" (30 mins)

Supporting Document

[Progress on Implementing Energy Wales](#)

4. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Post 16 Planning and Funding Review: Final Report (30 mins)

Supporting Document

[Post 16 Planning and Funding Review: Final Report](#)

5. Statement by the Minister for Finance: The Welsh Government Response to the Guilford Report Recommendations (30 mins)

Supporting Document

[The Guilford Report Recommendations](#)

6. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Jobs Growth Wales – one year in (30 mins)

7. Debate: Strengthening Local Government Democracy (60 mins)

NDM5237 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the value of promoting open, transparent and accountable local democracy and the importance of encouraging greater diversity in Local Government.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete ‘Recognise the value of promoting’ and replace with ‘Appreciates the necessity of advocating efficient,’

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

After ‘diversity’ insert ‘and stakeholder engagement’

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Welsh Government’s eventual commitment to facilitating live streaming during all council scrutiny and cabinet meetings.

Amendment 4 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward a comprehensive agenda that will tackle issues around openness, transparency and accountability in local democracy and local government.

Amendment 5 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to confirm its support for devolving responsibility for local government elections to the National Assembly.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Supports the introduction of a fair and proportional electoral system to ensure that outcomes reflect the way that people vote and are more representative of their local communities and calls on the Welsh Government to implement the recommendation of the Sunderland Commission in 2002 by promoting legislation to introduce the single transferable vote system for local councils.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that around 77,000 16 and 17 year olds in Wales are currently denied the vote and believes that democratic accountability would be strengthened by allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote in elections to local councils.

8. Motions to elect Members to committees (5 mins)

NDM5241 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 Petitions Committee in place of Elin Jones (Plaid Cymru).

NDM5242 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Elin Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Business Committee in place of Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru).

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 15 May 2013

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 9 May 2013 for answer on 14 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)

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. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to improve healthcare provision in west Wales? OAQ(4)1052(FM)

2. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the First Minister make a statement on the availability of appropriate drugs for rare illnesses? OAQ(4)1049(FM)

3. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service? OAQ(4)1057(FM)

4. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government policies for wind power? OAQ(4)1053(FM)W

5. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): How is the Welsh Government encouraging people in Torfaen to participate in sport? OAQ(4)1061(FM)

6. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide an update on the work of the delivery unit in the past six months? OAQ(4)1063(FM)

7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): Will the First Minister make a statement on the implications of the UK Government's legislative programme on Wales? OAQ(4)1055(FM)
8. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What are the Welsh Government's priorities for affordable housing construction in North Wales? OAQ(4)1065(FM)
9. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the First Minister make a statement on the proposed reorganisation of health care services across south Wales known as the South Wales Programme? OAQ(4)1051(FM)
10. Ken Skates (Clwyd South): Will the First Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to support foster carers in Wales? OAQ(4)1060(FM)
11. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's current action to revive the Welsh language? OAQ(4)1067(FM)W
12. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the First Minister make a statement on mental health service provision in north Wales? OAQ(4)1059(FM)
13. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Has the Welsh Government made any assessment of the implications talks on a free trade agreement between the US and the European Union would have on Wales? OAQ(4)1056(FM)
14. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on small business support in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)1058(FM)
15. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): What is the Welsh Government doing to shorten waiting times for diabetic retinopathy screening? OAQ(4)1050(FM)

Business Statement and Announcement

Tuesday 21 May and Wednesday 22 May 2013

Recess: Monday 27 May 2013 – Sunday 2 June 2013

Tuesday 4 June and Wednesday 5 June 2013

Tuesday 11 June and Wednesday 12 June 2013

Tuesday 21 May 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Welfare Reform (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Together for Health – Six Month Update (45 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Essential Skills in the Workplace (30 mins)
- Debate: Promoting green growth through resource efficiency (60 mins)

Wednesday 22 May 2013

Government Business

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

Assembly Business

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- Debate on the Queen's Speech (120 mins)
- Debate on the Finance Committee's Report Invest to Save (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Suzy Davies (South Wales West) (30 mins)

Tuesday 4 June 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the First Minister: The Programme for Government Annual Report (60 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Update on the Action Plan for Pollinators (30 mins)
- Motion to approve the General Principles of the Active Travel (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Motion to approve the Financial Resolution of the Active Travel (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

Wednesday 5 June 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (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.
At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Member in Charge 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 Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill."- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Russell George (Montgomeryshire) (30 mins)

Tuesday 11 June 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Apprenticeships (Alternative Welsh Completion Conditions) Regulations 2013 (15 mins)

Wednesday 12 June 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Leanne Wood (South Wales Central) (30 mins)