

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 15 May 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda (132)v2

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

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2. Questions to the Counsel General (0 mins)

No questions tabled.

3. Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

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4. Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

NDM5235 Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the promotion of caffeine loaded energy drinks to children and young people is a significant public health concern; and
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to take action to raise awareness of the health concerns surrounding caffeine loaded energy drinks.

Supported by:

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

Keith Davies (Llanelli)

Ken Skates (Clwyd South)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales)

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Delete point 2.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5240 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the failure of the Welsh Government to meet key targets across all portfolios, in particular ambulance response times and A&E waiting times;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to give examples showing how the Delivery Unit has improved delivery in particular portfolios, ensuring that what is promised is delivered; and
3. Urges the First Minister to provide regular updates to the National Assembly on the progress in all policy areas which can be directly attributed to the Delivery Unit.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and re-number accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish identifiable targets and statistical indicators alongside all government strategies.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and re-number accordingly:

Calls on the First Minister to provide detail on the structure and cost of the Delivery Unit and how it operates to meet the role defined by the First Minister in his written statement of July 13th 2011.

The First Minister's written statement is available on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2011/13julydeliveryunit/?lang=en>

Amendment 3 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 3 delete all after "Minister to" and replace with "hold an annual debate on the Delivery Unit's progress in the National Assembly.

6. Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5239 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of infrastructure investment in terms of procurement, apprenticeships, employment and small businesses within the Welsh economy;
2. Recognises the negative impact to the Welsh economy of cuts to the capital budget in the 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review; and
3. Calls for the protection of the capital budget for Wales in the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 1, and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to think innovatively and consider all models when financing capital projects.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

In point 1, after ‘investment’ insert ‘, including funding for high speed broadband and the electrification of the Great Western Mainline to Swansea and the south Wales valleys,’

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert at the end of point 1, ‘and welcomes the UK Government investment in broadband and transport infrastructure in Wales’

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the creation of a Green Investment Bank by the UK Government, which is directing billions of pounds of private investment in renewable energy, and calls on the Welsh Government to outline its action to support businesses in bidding for funding to maximise investment in energy infrastructure and green jobs in Wales.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to communicate any new procurement policies for infrastructure projects clearly to the Welsh business community.

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Notes that the Welsh Government has received more than £858m in additional capital funding during the current Spending Review period.

[If amendment 6 is agreed, amendment 7 will be de-selected]

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Regrets the unsustainable and irresponsible levels of spending under the last UK Labour Government, which left an annual deficit of £170.8 billion by the end of 2009–10, and welcomes the action being taken by the current UK Government which has cut the deficit by a third, created a million and a quarter new private sector jobs and kept interest rates at near-record lows, which will help provide stability for investment in the Welsh economy.

Voting Time

7. Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5238 Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Neurophysiotherapy in Wales

A debate on the provision of physiotherapy for people living with neurological conditions.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 21 May 2013

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 8 May 2013 for answer on 15 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 Health and Social Services

1. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Is the Minister satisfied with the criteria used by the New Medicines Group for making recommendations on new drugs in Wales? OAQ(4)0269(HSS)

2. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the supply and availability of antiretroviral HIV medication in Wales? OAQ(4)0266(HSS)

3. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of drugs for rare diseases within the NHS?
OAQ(4)0270(HSS)W

4. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's priorities for social services in Torfaen for the remainder of this Assembly term? OAQ(4)0282(HSS)

5. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the dignified care agenda for older people living in Wales?
OAQ(4)0281(HSS)

6. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline the progress on the Specialist and Critical Care Centre for Gwent?
OAQ(4)0277(HSS)

7. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister provide an update on the measles outbreak in the south west Wales area? OAQ(4)0268(HSS)

8. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): What specific targets has the Welsh Government set to reduce smoking prevalence rates among pregnant women in Wales? OAQ(4)0271(HSS)

9. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What are the Minister's priorities for improving access to primary care in North Wales? OAQ(4)0279(HSS)

10. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on the reorganisation of hospital services within Hywel Dda Health Board? OAQ(4)0283(HSS)

11. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What policies and strategies are being reviewed regarding the physical locations of oncology day units within Welsh hospitals?
OAQ(4)0272(HSS)

12. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Does the Welsh Government intend to conduct a review of emergency prosthetics services available in North Wales? OAQ(4)0273(HSS)W

13. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide an update on IVF services available on the Welsh NHS?
OAQ(4)0278(HSS)

14. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government is supporting hospices in Wales. OAQ(4)0284(HSS)

15. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What improvements have been introduced to services for children with diabetes? OAQ(4)0274(HSS)W

To ask the Counsel General

No Questions Tabled

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

1. Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn): Has the Minister made any assessment regarding the financial implications of welfare reform?

OAQ(4)0034(CTP)W

2. Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the Sustainable Development Bill?

OAQ(4)0035(CTP)W

3. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): What is the Welsh Government doing to improve the experiences of deaf children and those with hearing impairment? OAQ(4)0028(CTP)W

4. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister outline what financial support he can provide to people living in poverty. OAQ(4)0038(CTP)

5. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): What discussions has the Minister had with his UK counterparts in the Government Equalities Office regarding gender equality? OAQ(4)0029(CTP)

6. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline his priorities for promoting equalities in the next twelve months?

OAQ(4)0027(CTP)

7. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to promote the use of credit unions?

OAQ(4)0036(CTP)

8. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What measures is the Welsh Government taking to tackle poverty in the Cynon Valley?

OAQ(4)0022(CTP)

9. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What is the Minister doing to tackle poverty in rural areas? OAQ(4)0021(CTP)W

10. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): What is the Welsh Government doing to promote gender equality in the workforce? OAQ(4)0033(CTP)

11. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): What action is the Welsh Government taking to support Credit Unions in South Wales West? OAQ(4)0031(CTP)

12. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What discussions has the Minister had regarding issues to support the UNCRC? OAQ(4)0030(CTP)

13. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): How is the Welsh Government tackling poverty in rural areas? OAQ(4)0032(CTP)

14. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What assessment has the Minister made of progress on baseline indicators within the Child Poverty Strategy for Wales? OAQ(4)0037(CTP)

15. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to promote the rights of disabled people in Wales? OAQ(4)0025(CTP)