

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 22 May 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

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## Agenda (134)v6

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Finance (45 mins)**

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### **2 Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Government Business (45 mins)**

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### **Urgent Question**

Leanne Wood (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the south Wales hospital reorganisation programme? EAQ(4)0285(HSS)

### **3 Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)**

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### **4 Debate on the Queen's Speech (120 mins)**

NDM5245 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2013/2014.

UK Government's Legislative Programme:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/queens-speech-2013>

**Supporting documents:**

[Research Service paper](#)

[Secretary of State's Written Statement](#)

[Queen's Speech Bills Handout provided by the Wales Office, May 2013](#)

[Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Government Business](#)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that a Government of Wales Bill implementing the recommendations of the Silk Commission on Devolution in Wales was not included in the legislative programme.

**Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Draft Wales Bill, which will reform elections to the National Assembly and could provide a platform for the UK Government to implement any recommendations of the Silk Commission (Part I).

**Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the National Insurance Contributions Bill, which will mean that from April 2014 every charity and business will be entitled to a £2,000 Employment Allowance, helping over 35,000 businesses in Wales to hire their first employee or expand their workforce.

#### **Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Pensions Bill, which will introduce a single tier state pension, bringing significant and much needed reform that will support people to save for retirement.

#### **Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Deregulation Bill, which will help reduce the burden of excessive and unnecessary regulation on businesses, organisations and individuals, to help growth and save money for the taxpayer.

#### **Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Draft Consumer Rights Bill, which will simplify and consolidate core consumer rights, ensuring that consumers have clearer rights in law and businesses treat their customers fairly.

#### **Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Care Bill, which will reform care and support funding in England ensuring that people are protected from the high costs of their social care, and calls on the Welsh Government to outline the key principles that will underpin a new care funding system in Wales.

#### **Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government's continued commitment, as outlined in the UK Government's legislative programme, to building an economy where people who

work hard are properly rewarded.

#### **Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government commitment to the Draft Wales Bill.

#### **Amendment 10 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the UK Government commitment to a Care Bill and calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward similar proposals to ensure the cost of care in Wales is addressed.

**In accordance with Standing Order 11.15 (i) the Business Committee decided that any vote necessary would take place at the end of the debate.**

#### **5 Debate on the Finance Committee's Report Invest to Save (60 mins)**

NDM5246 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Finance Committee's report on Invest-to-Save which was laid in the Table Office on 26 March 2013.

Note: The response of the Minister for Finance was laid in the Table Office on 15 May 2013.

Supporting documents:

[Finance Committee's report](#)

[Letter from the Minister for Finance to the Chair of the Finance Committee](#)

[Welsh Government's response](#)

#### **Voting Time**

**6 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5244 Suzy Davies (South Wales West): How Safe is Safe?: Implications for the Learner Travel Measure in view of the Active Travel Bill**

A debate to discuss what constitutes a safe walking or cycling route to school.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 4 June 2013

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 15 May 2013 for answer on 22 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 Finance

1. **Julie James (Swansea West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the number of public sector organisations that have signed up for the national procurement service? OAQ(4)0259(FIN)
2. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is using European structural funds to benefit the Cynon Valley? OAQ(4)0260(FIN)
3. **David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the number of meetings she has held with European counterparts to discuss structural funds? OAQ(4)0257(FIN)
4. **Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what sanctions are available to her in dealing with organisations which she has concerns with over their whistleblowing practice? OAQ(4)0263(FIN)
5. **David Rees (Aberavon):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure public procurement contracts are awarded to companies with high ethical and moral standards? OAQ(4)0256(FIN)
6. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** Will the Minister provide an update on her discussions with the UK Treasury about the Barnett Formula? OAQ(4)0270(FIN)

7. **Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on capital investment in the Mid and West Wales region? OAQ(4)0265(FIN)
8. **Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on any work the Welsh Government is doing to develop Wales-only statistics? OAQ(4)0264(FIN)
9. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget allocated to the Communities and Tackling Poverty portfolio? OAQ(4)0255(FIN)
10. **Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the additional capital resources made available from the UK Government? OAQ(4)0268(FIN)
11. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget allocated to the Economy, Science and Transport portfolio? OAQ(4)0267(FIN)W
12. **Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister give an update on the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan? OAQ(4)0261(FIN)
13. **Ken Skates (Clwyd South):** Will the Minister outline what discussions she has had in regard to the overall budget allocation to the Economy, Science and Transport portfolio? OAQ(4)0253(FIN)
14. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement regarding the full implementation of the Silk Commission's Part 1 recommendations according to the Commission's timetable? OAQ(4)0258(FIN)W
15. **Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on discussions she has had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the overall budget allocated to the Health and Social Services portfolio? OAQ(4)0262(FIN)

## **To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business**

- 1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on efforts to increase collaboration between local authorities? OAQ(4)0276(LG)
- 2. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister give an update on the Regional Collaboration Fund? OAQ(4)0278(LG)
- 3. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the Welsh Government's proposed legislation to end violence against women and domestic abuse in Wales? OAQ(4)0285(LG)
- 4. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister confirm what role, if any, the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Executives of Local Authorities plays in setting the pay of chief executives of local authorities in Wales? OAQ(4)0277(LG)
- 5. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What is the Welsh Government doing to raise awareness of domestic abuse in Wales? OAQ(4)0273(LG)
- 6. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East):** Will the Minister confirm if she has any plans to bring forward legislation in relation to senior management and officers pay in local government in Wales? OAQ(4)0283(LG)
- 7. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the current challenges facing local government? OAQ(4)0280(LG)
- 8. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the Local Government Boundary Commission? OAQ(4)0287(LG)W

9. Ken Skates (Clwyd South): Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to improve local authority collaboration across Wales? OAQ(4)0270(LG)

10. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister make a statement on collaboration between the UK Government and Welsh local authorities? OAQ(4)0284(LG)

11. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the performance and accountability of local authorities in Wales? OAQ(4)0275(LG)

12. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government is safeguarding playing fields in Wales? OAQ(4)0288(LG)W

13. David Rees (Aberavon): What action is the Welsh Government taking to support pensioners in paying council tax? OAQ(4)0282(LG)

14. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on improving the delivery of public services in Wales? OAQ(4)0274(LG)

15. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): How is the Welsh Government promoting transparency and accountability in local government? OAQ(4)0279(LG)

## **To ask the Assembly Commission**

1. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Commissioner make a statement on access for people with limited mobility on the Assembly estate? OAQ(4)0072(AC)

2. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): What recent contact has the Assembly Commission had with Funky Dragon? OAQ(4)0073(AC)