

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 12 June 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

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## Agenda (138)v2

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)**

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### **2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)**

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### **3 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5264 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the Cancer Delivery Plan has been operational for one year.
2. Regrets that target referral to treatment waiting times for cancer patients diagnosed via the Urgent Suspected Cancer route have not been met since 2008.
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to require that Local Health Boards publish their cancer delivery plans and annual reports on their websites to ensure public scrutiny of their plans.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government and Local Health Boards to ensure that cancer

services are timely, person-centered and that people's clinical and wider non-clinical needs, including access to financial advice and support, are met.

5. Urges the Welsh Government to provide annual updates to the National Assembly for Wales on the progress of the implementation of the Cancer Delivery Plan.

The Welsh Government's Cancer Delivery Plan can be found on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/health/publications/health/strategies/cancer/?lang=en>

The following amendments have been tabled:

**Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert at the end of point 2:

‘and that cancer survival rates in Wales are well below the European average.’

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the restrictive tender process for the supply of new cancer technologies to Velindre Cancer Centre, which will prevent investment in the most modern and innovative treatments that would have attracted expertise and clinical excellence and enabled more Welsh cancer patients to be treated in Wales.

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

Insert as new point 4 and renumber accordingly:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to commit to publishing the results of the Cancer Patient Experience survey.

**4 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5263 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Reiterates its support for integrated public transport.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to continue to deliver the commitments in the National Transport Plan, and to support the implementation of regional transport plans across the nation.
3. Supports the development of integrated transport systems across Wales, including a 'Metro system' for south-east Wales.
4. Welcomes Welsh Government action on Cardiff Airport, and calls for an aviation strategy for Wales to be developed and published.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to support the creation of a national transport authority for Wales.

The Welsh Government's National Transport Plan can be found on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/transport/publications/ntp/?lang=en>

The following amendments have been tabled:

#### **Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

In point 2, delete all after 'Welsh Government to' and replace with 'deliver the commitments in the National Transport Plan, support the implementation of regional transport plans across the nation, and ensure that there is effective linkage with other areas of economic development, including Enterprise Zones and City Regions'.

#### **Amendment 2 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

Insert at end of point 2:

‘, whilst recognising the pressure on the budget available’

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the importance of community transport schemes, particularly to the elderly and disabled and those living in rural areas, and calls on the Welsh Government to implement three year budgeting for community transport schemes to provide security of funding for community transport operators.

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

In point 3 delete ‘, including a ‘Metro system’ for south–east Wales’ and replace with ‘and welcomes the commitment by the UK Government to the £1 billion electrification of the Great Western main line and the £350million electrification of the Valley Lines, which will pave the way for a ‘Metro system’ for south–east Wales’

*[If amendment 4 is agreed, amendment 5 will be de–selected]*

#### **Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

In point 3, after ‘including’ insert ‘exploring the potential for’.

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

Insert as new point 4 and renumber accordingly:

Supports the electrification of the North Wales mainline and calls on the Welsh Government to clarify whether Manchester is part of the strategic case and is being included in the Task Force’s deliberations on the business case for electrification.

#### **Amendment 7 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Recognises the proposals outlined in the Welsh Conservative document ‘A Blueprint for Cardiff Airport’ and calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward a comprehensive aviation strategy for Wales.

A Blueprint for Cardiff Airport is available on the following link:

<http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/cardiff>

[\\_airport\\_blueprint\\_english\\_0.pdf](#)

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

**Amendment 8 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

In point 4 delete ‘Welcomes’ and replace with ‘Notes’.

**Amendment 9 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point 5 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the decision to end the X91 bus route serving Cardiff Airport on a Sunday and calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a direct high quality route between Cardiff city centre and Cardiff Airport.

**Amendment 10 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

Delete point 5.

*[If amendment 10 is agreed, amendments 11 and 12 will be de-selected]*

**Amendment 11 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

In point 5 delete ‘support the creation’ and replace with ‘examine the viability’.

*[If amendment 11 is agreed, amendment 12 will be de-selected]*

**Amendment 12 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

In point 5 delete ‘to support the creation of’ and replace with ‘to consult on the merits of’.

**5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5265 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the benefits that apprenticeships offer to employers through the provision of a committed, efficient, skilled and motivated workforce and notes that the average person completing an apprenticeship increases business productivity by £214 per week.

2. Recognises the benefits that apprenticeships offer for young people to develop their skills, gain recognised qualifications, earn a higher salary and secure more stable job opportunities, as many employers rely on apprenticeships to provide the skilled workers they need for the future.

3. Regrets that between 2006/7 and 2010/11 the number of people on apprenticeship placements in Wales fell by more than 25%.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to widen access to apprenticeships by:

a) developing a school liaison programme to increase the prominence of apprenticeships in the provision of career advice to young people;

b) establishing an Apprenticeship Ambassadors scheme to promote positive role models;

c) improving the visibility of competitions to celebrate excellence in skills;

d) trialling a UCAS-style single application process and clearing house system to improve the parity of approach between career routes; and

e) creating a single information, application and support system to streamline information provision and reduce drop-out and disengagement rates.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete points 3 and 4 and replace with:

Welcomes the agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru to invest an extra £40 million of additional funding towards apprenticeships over the next two years, creating approximately 5,650 additional apprenticeship opportunities and

2,650 opportunities for higher level apprenticeships and including expansion of Welsh language apprenticeship provision.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]*

#### **Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new sub-point at end of point 4:

seeking new ways of broadening the base of traditional apprenticeships into professional roles and other industries.

#### **Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that young apprentices may need support at the end of their training to stay in employment, as well as navigating employment contracts and regulations.

### **Voting Time**

#### **6 Short Debate (30 mins)**

NDM5266 Leanne Wood (South Wales Central): An NHS fit for all – towards an alternative to centralisation.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 18 June 2013

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 5 June 2013 for answer on 12 June 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 Natural Resources and Food

1. **Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's approach to fracking? OAQ(4)0018(NRF)
2. **Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding maximising Wales' energy potential? OAQ(4)0023(NRF)
3. **David Rees (Aberavon):** What progress has been made by the Welsh Government in tackling fuel poverty? OAQ(4)0027(NRF)
4. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What is the Minister's priority in terms of promoting renewable energy in Wales? OAQ(4)0028(NRF)W
5. **Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** How is the Welsh Government promoting Welsh produce? OAQ(4)0032(NRF)
6. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the Minister make a statement on the actions being taken to support the food production industry in Wales? OAQ(4)0031(NRF)W
7. **Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** Will the Minister detail how he aims to target the arbed phase 2 project to address the needs of people living in fuel poverty? OAQ(4)0022(NRF) WITHDRAWN



8. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the Glastir agri–environment scheme?  
OAQ(4)0029(NRF)

9. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's support for hydroelectric power in Wales? OAQ(4)0026(NRF)

10. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline Welsh Government policies to address the impact of invasive species?  
OAQ(4)0025(NRF)

11. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Has the Welsh Government had any input into proposals for hydraulic fracturing at Merthyr Mawr?  
OAQ(4)0021(NRF)

12. Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth): Will the Minister make a statement on discussions he has had with the UK Government on energy costs in Wales? OAQ(4)0024(NRF)

13. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on his priorities for the promotion of Welsh food and drink?  
OAQ(4)0030(NRF)

14. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's work to prevent flooding? OAQ(4)0033(NRF)W

15. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What action is the Minister taking to promote bathing water quality on Welsh beaches? OAQ(4)0019(NRF)

### **To ask the Minister for Housing and Regeneration**

1. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Welsh Government provide clear criteria for what constitutes 'exceptional circumstances' for buffer zones, as laid out in MTAN2? OAQ(4)0265(HR)

2. **Ken Skates (Clwyd South):** Will the Minister outline what steps the Welsh Government is taking to improve the arrangements for renting homes in Wales? OAQ(4)0268(HR)
3. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** Will the Minister make a statement on consultations with the UK Government on Part 5 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill in relation to housing in Wales? OAQ(4)0269(HR)
4. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the Minister make a statement on the construction of affordable housing in the Vale of Clwyd? OAQ(4)0262(HR)
5. **Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the level of local authority rent arrears in South Wales East? OAQ(4)0260(HR)
6. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's review of Part L of the Building Regulations? OAQ(4)0272(HR)
7. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Aberystwyth Regeneration Area? OAQ(4)0267(HR)W
8. **Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the revision of TAN 20? OAQ(4)0271(HR)W
9. **Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** What is the Minister's timetable for introducing new planning legislation? OAQ(4)0274(HR)W
10. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** What are the Minister's priorities for increasing the supply of housing in rural areas? OAQ(4)0273(HR)
11. **Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the barriers to providing affordable housing? OAQ(4)0259(HR)

12. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for regeneration in Clwyd West?  
OAQ(4)0264(HR)

13. Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on affordable housing provision in North Wales?  
OAQ(4)0270(HR)W

14. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): What is the Welsh Government doing to promote good practice by landlords in the private rented sector?  
OAQ(4)0263(HR)

15. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's progress on regenerating Welsh high streets?  
OAQ(4)0266(HR)