

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 26 June 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda (142)v4

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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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### **3 Questions to the Assembly Commission (0 mins)**

No questions tabled.

### **4 Motion to amend Standing Order 26.89 in relation to Member proposed Bills (5 mins)**

**NDM5275 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 Order 26.89: Ballots for Member proposed Bills' laid in the Table Office on 19 June 2013; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Order 26.89, as set out in Annex B of

the Report of the Business Committee.

**Supporting documents:**

[Business Committee report](#)

**5 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)**

**NDM5262**

**Mike Hedges (Swansea East)**

**Peter Black (South Wales West)**

**Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that the devolution settlement should be based on a reserved powers model.

**Supported by:**

Julie James (Swansea West)

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Keith Davies (Llanelli)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East)

Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales)

Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)

David Rees (Aberavon)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

**Supporting documents:**

[Research paper – Summary of consultation responses to part two of the Silk Commission on Devolution in Wales](#)

**6 Debate on the Standards Committee's Report 03–13 to the Assembly on Lobbying and Cross–Party Groups (60 mins)**

**NDM5274 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 03–13 to the Assembly on Lobbying and Cross–Party Groups – laid before the Assembly on 2 May 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 17.56;
2. Endorses the National Assembly for Wales’ Guidance on Lobbying and Access to Assembly Members set out in Annex C of the Report; and
3. Endorses the National Assembly for Wales’ Rules for the Operation of Cross–Party Groups set out in Annex D of the Report to come into effect on 23 September 2013.

**Supporting documents:**

[Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee](#)

[Letter from the Chair of the Remuneration Board](#)

**7 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5276 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that small businesses throughout Wales need urgent support and calls on the Welsh Government to outline their proposals for a high street campaign before the summer recess;
2. Regrets that the high street shop vacancy rate in Wales is the highest in mainland Britain;
3. Acknowledges the increase in lending from Finance Wales, however, believes a more localised approach in accessing finance is necessary, and therefore calls on the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport to work with Finance Wales to assess if the financial package offered to businesses is competitive in the long term;
4. Notes the proposals outlined in the Welsh Conservative documents ‘A Vision for the Welsh High Street’ and ‘Invest Wales’ and their support for small businesses throughout Wales; and

5. Further notes the importance of transport infrastructure to supporting the national and local economy.

‘A Vision for the Welsh High Street’ can be accessed on the following link:

[http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/high\\_streets.pdf](http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/high_streets.pdf)

‘Invest Wales’ can be accessed on the following link:

[http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/invest\\_wales.pdf](http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/invest_wales.pdf)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Insert at the end of point 2:

“and calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities to reduce business rates for tenants taking over the lease of a property that has been empty for at least 12 months, to encourage re-location and revitalise town centres”

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the potential for apprenticeships to improve the profit and productivity of small businesses and therefore calls on the Welsh Government to explore ways to improve access to apprenticeships for small businesses.

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the importance of local banking to the successful and sustainable economic growth of businesses in rural areas and calls on the Welsh Government to explore ways to expand the provision of community banking and credit unions in

rural communities.

#### **Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Insert as new point 4 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that Finance Wales is restricted in its ability to offer finance at competitive rates, and therefore calls on the Welsh Government to explore alternative methods of financing businesses.

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

Delete point 4.

#### **Amendment 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Insert as new point 5 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the proposals outlined in Plaid Cymru's 'Plan C: A Plan to Move the Welsh Economy Forward' to support SMEs and town centres.

Plan C can be accessed on the following link:

[http://www.partyofwales.org/uploads/Final\\_Plan\\_C\\_Saesneg.pdf](http://www.partyofwales.org/uploads/Final_Plan_C_Saesneg.pdf)

#### **Amendment 7 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to extend the small business rate relief scheme to cover more high street businesses.

#### **Voting Time**

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

**NDM5273 Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** The Parent Trap: Unaffordable childcare prevents families from working

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 2 July 2013