

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 26 June 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda

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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

'Invest Wales' can be accessed on the following link:

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

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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 19 June 2013 for answer on 26 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 Finance

1. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): Does the Minister have any plans to allocate additional one–off funding to the Economy, Science and Transport portfolio specifically in relation to broadband provision?

OAQ(4)0290(FIN)

2. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): What recent correspondence has the Minister had with HMRC? OAQ(4)0273(FIN)

3. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister make a statement on recent discussions she has had with the UK Treasury? OAQ(4)0283(FIN)

4. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): How is the Minister prioritising the goals of the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan? OAQ(4)0279(FIN)

5. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the Minister provide an update on the current negotiations with the UK Government on funding and borrowing powers for the Welsh Government? OAQ(4)0281(FIN)W

6. Julie James (Swansea West): Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan for Swansea Bay? OAQ(4)0284(FIN)

7. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on her process for allocating consequential funding received from the UK Government? OAQ(4)0278(FIN)

8. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government spending areas which will be protected in forthcoming budgets? OAQ(4)0288(FIN)

9. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister confirm what capital projects in Ceredigion have been prioritised under the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan? OAQ(4)0274(FIN)W

10. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's ethical procurement policy? OAQ(4)0275(FIN)

11. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): When will the Welsh Government's response to the Wales and the EU: Partnership for Jobs and Growth consultation be published? OAQ(4)0291(FIN)

12. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on how structural funds are being used in Wales? OAQ(4)0276(FIN)

13. Ken Skates (Clwyd South): Will the Minister outline what preparations are being made by the Welsh Government for the 2014–2020 EU Funding round? OAQ(4)0277(FIN)

14. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan Annual Report 2013? OAQ(4)0280(FIN) WITHDRAWN

15. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Does the Minister have any plans to allocate additional one-off funding to the Health and Social Services portfolio specifically in relation to services for cystic fibrosis? OAQ(4)0282(FIN)

To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

1. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What discussions has the Minister had regarding integrating local council services? OAQ(4)0291(LG)W

2. **Ken Skates (Clwyd South):** Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to promote best value in Local Government? OAQ(4)0295(LG)

3. **Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is improving access to local council public meetings? OAQ(4)0292(LG)

4. **Ieuan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Regional Collaboration Fund? OAQ(4)0297(LG)W
WITHDRAWN

5. **Ken Skates (Clwyd South):** Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to tackle domestic violence in north Wales? OAQ(4)0296(LG)

6. **Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for the victims of domestic violence? OAQ(4)0300(LG)

7. **Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government plans to encourage greater diversity amongst elected members of community and county councils in Wales? OAQ(4)0298(LG)

8. **William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister outline the guidance issued to local authorities on training for councillors? OAQ(4)0301(LG)

9. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** What assessment has the Minister made of the North Wales Police and Crime Plan? OAQ(4)0289(LG)

10. **Julie James (Swansea West):** What is the Minister doing to ensure that Local Government in Swansea shares best practice? OAQ(4)0293(LG)

11. **Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Does the Minister have any plans to meet with the Police and Crime Commissioners in the next three months? OAQ(4)0290(LG)

12. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve standards and performance of local authorities in North Wales? OAQ(4)0305(LG)

13. **Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales):** What recent discussions has the Minister had with the Welsh fire and rescue authorities?
OAQ(4)0303(LG)

14. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the improvement of public service delivery in North Wales? OAQ(4)0304(LG)

15. **Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on senior officers' pay at local government level?
OAQ(4)0302(LG)

To ask the Assembly Commission

No Questions Tabled