

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 17 July 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
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Wales



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## Agenda (148)v3

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

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### **2 Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)**

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

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### **4 Debate on the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Law Making and the Church in Wales (60 mins)**

#### **NDM5295 David Melding (South Wales Central)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee on its inquiry into Law-making and the Church in Wales, which was laid in the Table Office on 13 June 2013.

#### **Supporting documents:**

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's report](#)

## **5 Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme (60 mins)**

### **NDM5297 Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with paragraph 8(11)(d) of Schedule 2 of the Government of Wales Act 2006:

Approves the Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme, laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 10 July 2013.

#### **Supporting documents:**

[Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme](#)

[Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Stage 1 Committee report](#)

## **6 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

### **NDM5298 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes with concern that 48.9% of Wales' pupils leave school without 5 GCSEs at A\*-C including English/Welsh and mathematics.
2. Notes with concern that the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and more advantaged backgrounds grows through the key stages, reaching 33% in key stage 4.
3. Believes policies to address surplus places should be re-evaluated to support high standards as a priority.
4. Recognises the importance of ensuring that pupils leave school with relevant qualifications and calls upon the Welsh Government to prioritise the establishment of Qualifications Wales as an independent organisation to regulate qualifications in the first instance.
5. Recognises the importance of closing the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and pupils from more advantaged backgrounds and calls upon the Welsh Government to ensure that the pupil deprivation grant is

allocated towards policies that address this.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward its comprehensive proposals to enact the recommendations in the Hill report.

7. Welcomes The Party of Wales' agreement with the Welsh Government to create 5,650 additional apprenticeship opportunities, providing young people with valuable opportunities to develop their skills and obtain employment.

The Hill Report can be accessed on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/consultation/130621-delivery-of-education-report-en.pdf>

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Insert at end of point one:

‘and calls on the Welsh Government to work with Estyn to ensure that every school adopts an individual pupil monitoring programme, to measure pupils’ progress and support schools to target efforts at those pupils who are not meeting their full potential’

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

Add as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Notes with concern the lack of consistency between Schools and Local Education Authorities on improving and managing positive transitions between primary and secondary school.

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

Insert at end of point 4:

‘, and to publish a communications strategy to promote distinctly Welsh

qualifications to prospective employers and educational institutions’

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

Insert as new point 6 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the Welsh Liberal Democrats’ agreement with the Welsh Government to establish the Pupil Deprivation Grant, which has seen £32.4million of funding for schools in 2012–13 and £36.3m in 2013–14, to help break the link between poverty and low attainment, and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure certainty of funding for the future.

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

Delete point 7 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government’s commitment to create 5,650 additional apprenticeship opportunities, and calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) monitor the creation of these additional apprenticeships; and
- b) ensure that the skills gained on these apprenticeships match the needs of the employment market.

#### **7 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill (60 mins)**

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

**The amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:**

##### **1. The Panel**

34, 63, 16, 64, 17, 18, 65, 66, 67, 27, 28, 68, 29, 32, 33, 69

##### **2. Agricultural Wages Order**

4, 5, 19, 6, 50, 7, 20, 8, 9, 46, 10, 21, 22, 2, 1, 11A, 11, 12, 23, 13, 15

### **3. Enforcement and Offences**

51, 52, 53, 54, 35, 57, 30

### **4. Holiday entitlement and enforcement**

47, 48, 56, 49

### **5. Information and records**

58, 59, 60, 36

### **6. Review and duration of Act**

37, 38, 39, 40, 24, 41, 42, 43

### **7. Orders and Regulations**

3, 25, 31, 26, 14

### **8. Definition of Agriculture and Agricultural Worker**

44, 45, 61

### **9. Restrictions on the Panel and Welsh Ministers**

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#### **Supporting documents:**

[Agricultural Sector \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled List of Amendments](#)

[Grouping of Amendments](#)

#### **8 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill (5 mins)**

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47. If the proposition is agreed:

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill

#### **Voting Time**

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 24 September 2013