

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 8 October 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3 Statement by the Minister for Finance: Progress on the development of European Structural Fund Programmes 2014–20 (30 mins)

4 Statement by the Minister for Finance: The Draft Budget 2014–15 (30 mins)

5 Debate on Direct Payments of Housing Costs to Tenants in Wales (60 mins)

NDM5315 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the UK Government's continuing plans to introduce direct payments;
2. Calls again on the UK Government to change its policy on direct payments to

reflect the likely negative impact on many tenants, as well the risk to the financial viability of housing organisations; and

3. Commends work by housing and other organisations to help people to cope with the changes.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In point 1, delete all after ‘plans’ and replace with:

‘to standardise direct payments introduced by the previous UK Labour Government’

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 1:

‘which offer the potential to empower people through greater control over their finances and provide a clearer route into work and independence.’

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Welcomes the ‘Universal Credit Local Support Services Framework’, issued by the UK Government and compiled jointly with agencies including the Welsh Local Government Association, which lists the support available to claimants needing payment of housing costs directly to landlords.

The Universal Credit Local Support Services Framework can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-local-support-services-framework>

[If amendment 3 is agreed, amendment 4 will be de-selected]

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the UK Government to carefully examine the full findings of the Direct Payment Demonstration Projects which will conclude at the end of December 2013.

Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Believes that direct payments could lead to more evictions, resulting in additional costs to evict and re-house individuals, and calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities and housing associations to implement best practice on

avoiding evictions.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities, credit unions and housing associations to consider the best ways to make financial products with built-in budgeting features more widely available and to promote the use of money advice services to tenants, in order to help those affected by direct payments.

6 Debate on the General Principles of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

NDM5316 Gwenda Thomas (Neath)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 28 January 2013;

The report of Health and Social Care Committee on the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 18 July 2013.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of the motion:

Notes the importance of individual advocacy in ensuring that the best interests of people reliant upon social services are met.

Supporting Documents

[The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Bill the Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[The report of Health and Social Care Committee on the Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee report](#)

7 Motion to approve the Financial Resolution in respect of the Social Services and

Well-Being (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

NDM5317 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69 arising in consequence of the Bill.

8 Debate on the General Principles of the National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

NDM5318 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill.

The National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 30 September 2013.

Supporting Documents

[The National Health Service Finance \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

9 Motion to approve the Financial Resolution in respect of the National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

NDM5319 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the National Health Service (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 9 October 2013

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 3 October 2013 for answer on 8 October 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)

The Presiding Officer has agreed to call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

To ask the First Minister

1. **Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** How is the Welsh Government supporting the economic development of women in Wales?

OAQ(4)1250(FM)

2. **Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** What is the Welsh Government doing to increase passenger numbers on rail routes throughout Wales?

OAQ(4)1259(FM)

3. **Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the First Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's Flying Start Programme? OAQ(4)1251(FM)

4. **Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the First Minister outline how the Welsh Government's policies are improving the financial well-being of South Wales Central residents? OAQ(4)1256(FM)

5. **Leighton Andrews (Rhondda):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on tuition fees for Welsh-domiciled students? OAQ(4)1242(FM)

6. **Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** Will the First Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is tackling issues around the stigmatising of people with mental health problems? OAQ(4)1245(FM)

7. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** What impact assessments have the Welsh Government made on the effects that onshore wind farm developments have on local communities in Wales? OAQ(4)1257(FM)

8. **Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** Will the First Minister make a statement on plans to improve the national infrastructure? OAQ(4)1252(FM)

9. **Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans to boost tourism in Ynys Môn? OAQ(4)1254(FM)

10. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government actions to boost the economy of the Llanelli constituency? OAQ(4)1258(FM)

11. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on the role of Natural Resources Wales in the planning process in Wales? OAQ(4)1248(FM)W

12. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's response to the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report? OAQ(4)1246(FM)W

13. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on orthodontic services in west Wales? OAQ(4)1241(FM)

14. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the First Minister make a statement on patient safety in Wales? OAQ(4)1249(FM)

15. Byron Davies (South Wales West): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's Aviation Strategy? OAQ(4)1255(FM)

Business Statement and Announcement

Tuesday 15 October and Wednesday 16 October 2013

Tuesday 22 October and Wednesday 23 October 2013

Recess: Monday 28 October 2013 – Sunday 3 November 2013

Tuesday 5 November and Wednesday 6 November 2013

Tuesday 15 October 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food:
Introduction of the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government
Business: Achievement of the Programme for Government
Commitment to Fund and Facilitate the Employment of 500
Community Support Officers (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Arriva
Buses Wales (30 mins)
- Debate on the Equality and Human Rights Annual Report: "Working
together to strengthen equality and human rights in Wales – Wales
Review 2012–13" (60 mins)
- Debate on the Older People's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report
2012–13 (60 mins)

Wednesday 16 October 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (45 mins)

- Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint members and Chair of the Wales Audit Office (5 mins)
- Motion to agree the remuneration of the members and Chair of the Wales Audit Office (5 mins)
- Motion to amend SO18 in relation to Public Accounts and Oversight of the Wales Audit Office (5 mins)
- Motion under Standing Order 16.3 to alter the remit of the Finance Committee (5 mins)
- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

NNDM5325

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the high risk sky lanterns pose to public safety, buildings and structures, and the welfare of farm animals and wildlife;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to investigate the merits of restricting the release of sky lanterns in Wales.

- Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the implementation of the National Service Framework for diabetes in Wales and its future direction (60 mins)
- Debate seeking the Assembly's agreement to introduce a Member Proposed Bill on Financial Literacy (Bethan Jenkins) (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire) (30 mins)

Tuesday 22 October 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)

- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Fire and Rescue Services in Wales (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Fire and Rescue Services in Wales (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: South East Wales Integrated Transport System (30 mins) – re-scheduled from 15th October
- The Domestic Fire Safety (Definition of Residence) (Wales) Order 2013 (15 mins)
- Debate on the General Principles of the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Motion to approve the Financial Resolution in respect of the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill (5 mins)
- Debate on The Welsh Language Commissioner’s Annual Report 2012–13 (60 mins)

Wednesday 23 October 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Finance (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Government Business (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee’s Report on the Inquiry into Home Adaptations (60 mins)
- Debate on the Petitions Committee’s Report on The Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Suzy Davies (South Wales West) (30 mins)

Tuesday 5 November 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Progress on Houses into Homes (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Travelling to a Better Future – Gypsy and Traveller Framework for Action and Delivery Plan (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: The Establishment of Qualifications Wales (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Opportunities and Challenges Facing the Forestry Sector in Wales (30 mins)
- LCM on the Care Bill (15 mins)
- Debate: Support for the Armed Forces in Wales (60 mins)

Wednesday 6th November 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on Asset Management in the Public Sector (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales) (30 mins)