

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 23 October 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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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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Urgent Question

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Following the statements made by the First Minister and the Director of Clinical Services at Hywel Dda LHB that orthopaedic surgery will be postponed over the winter, will the Minister make a statement on what support is being offered to patients who will have to wait longer for their treatment because of this decision?

3 Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)

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4 Motion to annul the Education (Penalty Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2013 (30 mins)

NDM5307 Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 27.2:

Agrees that the Education (Penalty Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2013, laid before the Assembly on 12 August 2013, be annulled.

Supporting documents:

[The Education \(Penalty Notices\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2013](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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

5 Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Home Adaptations (60 mins)

NDM5339 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee on its Inquiry into Home Adaptations, which was laid in the Table Office on 17 July 2013.

Note: The response of the Minister for Housing and Regeneration to the report was laid in the Table Office on 16 October 2013.

Supporting documents:

[Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's response](#)

6 Debate on the Petitions Committee's Report on The Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team (60 mins)

NDM5340 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee on the Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team, which was laid in the Table Office on 1 May 2013.

Supporting documents:

[Petitions Committee's Report](#)

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5341 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises there are attainment gaps within Welsh education, which are holding back different groups of children;
2. Believes those who are not achieving their full potential can often feel disenfranchised, and this can lead to problems in later life;
3. Further recognises the move between primary and secondary education is a great upheaval at an already difficult period of a child's development; and
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure learning is not disrupted during this period by implementing a robust and discrete 8–14 education strategy.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert at the end of point 1 ‘, particularly the gap between attainment and deprivation’

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 1:

‘and welcomes the increase in the Pupil Deprivation Grant announced in the Draft Budget 2014–15, which will help break the link between poverty and educational underachievement.’

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises that young carers in particular are often vulnerable to educational underachievement due to the additional challenges they face, and calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways to improve identification and support for young carers to help fulfil their educational potential and support the transition into adulthood.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 3:

‘and calls on the Welsh Government to formalise partnerships between schools and ensure that the early years education offers a better balance of pastoral and academic teaching, to help improve the transition of pupils from primary to secondary schools.’

Amendment 5– Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

In point 4 delete ‘and discrete’

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 4:

‘and supporting pupils to reach their full potential by reforming the school banding system to ensure that it measures school performance with regard to individual pupil performance.’

Voting Time

8 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5338 Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Swansea Bay City of Culture – a creative opportunity for the economy.

The Swansea Bay Region bid for the UK City of Culture 2017 and the benefits to the Welsh economy of a successful bid.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 5 November 2013

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 16 October 2013 for answer on 23 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)

To ask the Minister for Finance

1. **Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What did the Minister take into consideration when allocating the overall budget to the Local Government and Government Business portfolio? OAQ(4)0315(FIN)
2. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's capital investment? OAQ(4)0316(FIN)W
3. **Rhun Ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on recent discussions she has had with the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty regarding that portfolio's budget? OAQ(4)0314(FIN)W
4. **Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister outline how much money has been borrowed from the European Investment Bank by Welsh Government supported organisations in Wales? OAQ(4)0313(FIN)
5. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget allocation for the Health and Social Services portfolio? OAQ(4)0312(FIN)
6. **Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the draft budget allocation for the Natural Resources and Food portfolio for 2014–15? OAQ(4)328(FIN)W
7. **Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Invest to Save scheme? OAQ(4)0322(FIN)
8. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What plans does the Minister have to introduce innovative methods of funding capital projects? OAQ(4)0318(FIN)
9. **Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on preparations for further reductions in the block grant? OAQ(4)0320(FIN)

10. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): What were the Minister's priorities when allocating funding to the Communities and Tackling Poverty portfolio? OAQ(4)0325(FIN)W

11. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's discussions with the UK Government regarding the implementation of the recommendations in the Silk Commission's first report? OAQ(4)0317(FIN)W

12. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the allocation of resources to the Natural Resources and Food portfolio within the recent draft budget? OAQ(4)0327(FIN)

13. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the relationship between structural funds and other sources of EU funding? OAQ(4)0324(FIN)

14. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Local Government and Government Business regarding the budget allocation to that portfolio? OAQ(4)0323(FIN)

15. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What discussions has the Minister had regarding the long term financing of the Local Government and Government Business portfolio? OAQ(4)0321(FIN)

To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

1. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the collaboration agenda for local councils in Wales? OAQ(4)0323(LG)

2. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the use of local government reserves? OAQ(4)0337(LG)

3. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What action will the Welsh Government take in 2014 to support victims of domestic abuse in Wales? OAQ(4)0325(LG)

4. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on best practice for cost saving measures in local government? OAQ(4)0331(LG)

5. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister make a statement on the guidance given to local government on consultation with the public? OAQ(4)0324(LG)

6. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provisional Local Government Settlement for 2014–15? OAQ(4)0338(LG)
7. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the development of Welsh language standards within local authorities? OAQ(4)0326(LG)W
8. **Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the proposed financial settlement for Anglesey County Council? OAQ(4)0336(FIN)W
9. **Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding human trafficking in Wales? OAQ(4)0327(LG)W
10. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** How will the Welsh Government be supporting local authorities in the Swansea Bay region over the next three years? OAQ(4)0332(LG)
11. **David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the future of Fire and Rescue Services across Wales? OAQ(4)0339(LG)
12. **Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the future financing of local authorities in Wales? OAQ(4)0328(LG)
13. **Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities regarding future service provision? OAQ(4)0334(LG)
14. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What plans does the Minister have to explore the way local authorities are funded? OAQ(4)0330(LG)
15. **Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to promote community safety in Pontypridd? OAQ(4)0329(LG)

To ask the Assembly Commission

1. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Assembly Commission provide an update on plans for the Assembly to adopt the .cymru and .wales top level domains for internet and e-mail use? OAQ(4)0076(AC)