

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 5 November 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 Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport (45 mins)

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3 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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4 Statement by the First Minister: The UK Government's initial response to the Silk Commission's report on financial reform for Wales (45 mins)

Supporting Document

[Written Statement – UK Government's initial response to the Silk Commission's report on financial reform for Wales](#)

5 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Progress on Houses into Homes (30 mins)

Supporting Document

Houses into homes

6 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)

7 Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: The Establishment of Qualifications Wales (30 mins)

8 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Opportunities and Challenges Facing the Forestry Sector in Wales (30 mins)

Supporting Document

[Woodlands for Wales – our strategy for Welsh woodlands and trees](#)

9 Debate: Support for the Armed Forces in Wales (60 mins)

NDM5343 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

a) the Welsh Government's work to ensure that public services in Wales support members of the Armed Forces community;

b) the revised Welsh Government Package of Support for the Armed Forces Community in Wales;

c) the work on-going through the Minister for Local Government and Government Business' Expert Group on the Needs of the Armed Forces Community in Wales.

The Revised Welsh Government Package of Support for the Armed Forces Community in Wales is available on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/safety/armedforces/packagesupport/?lang=en>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub point a) and renumber accordingly:

the importance of Remembrance Day in reminding us of the sacrifice of those who have served in the armed forces and those in the civilian population, whose lives were lost or irreversibly changed by conflicts since 1914;

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub point a) and renumber accordingly:

the forthcoming Centenary of the First World War and the need to safeguard our War Memorials;

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub point b) and renumber accordingly:

with regret the failure of the Welsh Government to introduce a Veterans Card Scheme, as promised 2 years ago;

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new sub point at end of motion:

the varied and complex needs of the Armed Forces Community.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of the motion:

Recognises the outstanding work being undertaken by MoD-sponsored national youth voluntary organisations to engage with young people who are not in education, employment or training and calls on the Welsh Government to incorporate this work into their youth engagement and progression framework.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the £30 million Community Covenant Grant Scheme launched by the UK Government and calls on the Welsh Government to promote the opportunities offered to local communities to strengthen the ties and mutual understanding between members of the Armed Forces Community and the wider community in which they live.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure sufficient capacity in the NHS for members of the Armed Forces Community in Wales who suffer from PTSD to access suitable care, including access to specialists and adequate emergency and respite support.

Amendment 8 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that members of the Armed Forces Community in Wales receive the priority medical treatment to which they are entitled

by implementing a consistent method of identification of members of the Armed Forces Community by Local Health Boards in Wales; to ensure that members of the Armed Forces Community are aware of their entitlement; and to monitor the delivery of this entitlement.

Amendment 9 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a timeline for the phased development of a commissioning policy for provision of prosthetics for members of the Armed Forces Community in Wales and of improvements to the planning, organisation and delivery of prosthetic services as a whole.

Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that Local Health Boards in Wales establish relationships with the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre Headley Court.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 6 November 2013