

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 5 November 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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National
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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

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 31 October 2013 for answer on 5 November 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. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What actions does the First Minister plan to take to improve the economy of south east Wales?

OAQ(4)1308(FM)

2. **Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to prevent the mis–selling of interest rate hedging products to small business? OAQ(4)1313(FM)

3. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on internet safety lessons in schools? OAQ(4)1300(FM)

4. **Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Mon):** What are the Welsh Government’s powers on matters relating to land registration? OAQ(4)1309(FM)W

5. **Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the First Minister outline what action the Welsh Government is taking to reduce respiratory illness in Wales?

OAQ(4)1311(FM)

6. **Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the First Minister make a statement on his priorities for sport in Wales for the next twelve months? OAQ(4)1296(FM)

7. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the First Minister make a statement on problems regarding attracting and retaining medical experts at Hywel Dda Health Board hospitals? OAQ(4)1310(FM)W

8. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on road safety in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)1314(FM)

9. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister state what the Welsh Government is doing to get unemployed people back into work? OAQ(4)1312(FM)

10. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): When does the First Minister intend to undertake an official visit to Scotland to discuss his intention to establish a 'constitutional convention' in the UK? OAQ(4)1302(FM)W – WITHDRAWN

11. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): What is the Welsh Government doing to improve the Welsh economy? OAQ(4)1299(FM)

12. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): What does the Welsh Government do to ensure the safety of health workers in Wales? OAQ(4)1304(FM)

13. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the First Minister provide an update on the development of life sciences in Wales? OAQ(4)1303(FM)

14. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the First Minister make a statement on the future of the NHS in Wales? OAQ(4)1298(FM)

15. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister provide an update on progress towards publishing performance statistics on enterprise zones in Wales? OAQ(4)1307(FM)

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 29 October 2013 for answer on 5 November 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 Culture and Sport

1. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on arts funding in Wales? OAQ(4)0084(CS)W
2. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on Sport Wales' School Sport Survey? OAQ(4)0074(CS)
3. William Graham (South Wales East): Does the Minister have plans to enhance the role of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales? OAQ(4)0069(CS)
4. Julie James (Swansea West): Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of cultural events, such as the recent WOMEX event, to Wales? OAQ(4)0083(CS)
5. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on public access to the countryside? OAQ(4)0080(CS)
6. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What are the Welsh Government's priorities for improving sporting excellence in South Wales Central? OAQ(4)0070(CS)
7. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What work is your department doing to promote sport amongst older people? OAQ(4)0073(CS)
8. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government plans to promote sport ahead of Cardiff's role as European capital of sport in 2014? OAQ(4)0075(CS)
9. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on sports funding in Wales? OAQ(4)0085(CS)W
10. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline the support the Welsh Government gives to promote local museums? OAQ(4)0068(CS)

11. **Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support amateur sport in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0076(CS)

12. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the WOMEX contribution to increasing Wales' cultural profile internationally? OAQ(4)0072(CS)W

13. **Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** What discussions did the Minister have with Cadw regarding flying flags at Criccieth and Harlech Castles? OAQ(4)0077(CS)W WITHDRAWN

14. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on any reviews made since 2005 in relation to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000? OAQ(4)0078(CS)

15. **Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister outline what he is doing to protect historic sites in Wales? OAQ(4)0071(CS)

Business Statement and Announcement

Tuesday 12 November and Wednesday 13 November 2013

Tuesday 19 November and Wednesday 20 November 2013

Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 27 November 2013

Tuesday 12 November 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the First Minister: Y Gynhadledd Fawr – next steps (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Preparations for Winter Weather (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Review of the Availability of Funding for SMEs: Second Report (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Continuity and Change – Refreshing the Relationship between Welsh Government and the Third Sector in Wales (30 mins)
- Motion to approve the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Regulations 2013 (15 mins)
- Motion to approve the Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013 (15 mins)
- LCM on the Local Audit and Accountability Bill (15 mins)
- Debate: NHS and Social Service Plans for Winter Preparedness (60 mins)

Wednesday 13 November 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Debate on the Children and Young People Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Attendance and Behaviour (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire) (30 mins)

Tuesday 19 November 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Introduction of the Housing (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Update on City Regions (30 mins)
- The Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2013 (15 mins)
- Debate on the Draft Budget 2014–15 (120 mins)
- Debate on the Children's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report 2012–13 (60 mins)

Wednesday 20 November 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 to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2014/15 (30 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (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. At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Member in Charge may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47.

- Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill (5 mins)
- Short Debate – Keith Davies (Llanelli) (30 mins)

Tuesday 26 November 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: The Marine and Fisheries Strategic Action Plan (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Progress on Delivering the Right to be Safe Strategy (30 mins)

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following two items together but with separate votes:

- The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2013 (15 mins)
- The Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 (15 mins)
- The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Modification of Enactments and Other Provisions) Order 2013 (15 mins)

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following two items together but with separate votes:

- LCM on The Care Bill (15 mins)
- Supplementary LCM on The Care Bill (15 mins)
- Supplementary LCM on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill in respect of the ASBO exception (15 mins)
- Debate: The benefits to Wales of the UK's continued membership of the European Union (60 mins)

Wednesday 27 November 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)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Gwyn Price (Islwyn) (30 mins)
- Short Debate – Julie James (Swansea West) (30 mins) – Re-scheduled from 25 September