

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 6 November 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

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3 Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on Asset Management in the Public Sector (60 mins)

NDM5345 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee on its inquiry into Asset Management in the Public Sector, which was laid in the Table Office on 23 August 2013.

Note: The Welsh Government's response to the report was laid in the Table Office on 30 October 2013.

Supporting documents:

[Finance Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's response](#)

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5346 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that high quality care and treatment within the Welsh NHS is integral to eliminating avoidable deaths.
2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to commission an independent review into Welsh hospitals with higher than average mortality rates to determine whether failings in the quality of care and treatment are a factor.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish mortality rates for each hospital site on the 'My Local Health Service' website.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide an update on action taken by the Welsh Government to support Local Health Boards to address the backlogs in clinical coding.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide an update on action taken to establish a mechanism to investigate hospitals or Local Health boards who consistently exceed a specific RAMI threshold over a period of time.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with other UK administrations to ensure the availability of comparable mortality data.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5344 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises progress made to date in implementing the National Transport Plan.
2. Acknowledges the role of transport in connecting Wales internally and externally.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) seek ongoing Barnett consequentials or any other compensatory financial settlement in relation to the UK Government's HS2 project;
 - b) review the functioning of the Regional Transport Consortia and transport governance generally;
 - c) reaffirm its commitment to integrated public transport; and
 - d) make representations to the UK Government, to ensure that the northern and southern Welsh transport corridors are included in the European Commission's TEN-T new core network.

The National Transport Plan can be accessed on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/det/publications/100329ntpen.pdf>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Acknowledges the UK Government's commitment to on-going transport infrastructure investment in Wales and the United Kingdom.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Regrets the delay in implementing key pledges from the National Transport Plan including an hourly service on the Cambrian Line, which was due to commence in 2011, and the lack of direct Services between Newport and Ebbw Vale.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the loss of bus services across Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to reinforce the National Transport Plan commitment to improving bus services.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the delay in introducing a 'Welsh Oyster Card' due to be introduced in 2014, which would have allowed seamless transfer between bus and rail services.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Acknowledges the work of the UK Government in agreeing to electrify the Valleys Network and notes the absence of that scheme from Labour's 2010 Election Manifesto.

The Labour Party Manifesto 2010 is available at:

<http://www.labour.org.uk/uploads/TheLabourPartyManifesto-2010.pdf>

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the Welsh Government's commitment to a Metro Style Transport System across South East Wales and urges the Welsh Government to bring forward a list of priorities with achievable targets for completion.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the work of the Welsh Government and UK Government to prepare a business case for the electrification of the North Wales line and believes this will be of enormous benefit to both passenger and freight services.

Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete sub point 3a and replace with:

note the benefits of HS2 to North Wales connectivity and recognises the need for an integrated transport network across the United Kingdom.

Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as a new sub point 3c and renumber accordingly:

note the Enterprise and Business Committee report on Integrated Public Transport in Wales.

Amendment 10 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Welcomes the UK Government's announcement of the transfer of new borrowing powers to the Welsh Government to fund improvements to the M4.

Voting Time

6 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5347 Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Child Safety Online

Developing knowledge and resilience through education.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 12 November 2013

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 30 October 2013 for answer on 6 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 Education and Skills

1. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Minister have to shrink the gap in children's educational attainment in schools?

OAQ(4)0335(ESK)

2. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on the assessment process for Dyslexia in school pupils? OAQ(4)0328(ESK)

3. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the role of school governors? OAQ(4)0342(ESK)

4. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): When will the Minister be visiting one of the colleges in Grŵp Llandrillo Menai to discuss their provision of training for jobs in construction and the environment?

OAQ(4)0337(ESK)W WITHDRAWN

5. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister make a statement on how the education system in Wales is supporting employers of the future? OAQ(4)0327(ESK)

6. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the draft budget's implications for Welsh for Adults Centres?

OAQ(4)0330(ESK)W

7. **Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the impact European Social Funding has had on FE colleges in Wales since 1999? OAQ(4)0341(ESK)
8. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What progress has been made in increasing opportunities for Welsh medium learning in further education? OAQ(4)340(ESK)
9. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** What assessment has the Minister made of the provision of quality school meals in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0339(ESK)
10. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of education in west Wales? OAQ(4)0329(ESK)
11. **Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the eligibility for free school meals in Wales? OAQ(4)0332(ESK)
12. **Julie James (Swansea West):** What is the Minister doing to break the link between poverty and poor educational attainment in Swansea West? OAAQ(4)0334(ESK)
13. **Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the improvement of school buildings in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0338(ESK)
14. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of STEM subjects? OAQ(4)0333(ESK)
15. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** How is the Welsh Government helping graduates from the Cynon Valley pursue postgraduate study? OAQ(4)0326(ESK)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

1. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on the number of female led business start-ups in Wales?
OAQ(4)0318(EST)
2. **Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the development of the HS2 railway? OAQ(4)0317(EST)W
3. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the timetable for developing the Bontnewydd and Caernarfon bypass?
OAQ(4)0322(EST)W
4. **Keith Davies (Llanelli):** What are the Minister's plans for tourism marketing in west Wales? OAQ(4)0326(EST)W
5. **Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** How is the Welsh Government supporting Welsh companies involved in online development?
OAQ(4)0329(EST)
6. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the Minister outline what she is doing to improve tourism in the Vale of Clwyd? OAQ(4)0321(EST)
7. **Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Has the Minister or her officials had any discussions with the Bank of England about addressing regional imbalances in economic recovery? OAQ(4)0331(EST)
8. **Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What use has the Minister made of the UK Government's procurement framework when appointing research companies? OAQ(4)0332(EST)W
9. **Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for industry?
OAQ(4)0324(EST)
10. **Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** When will the Minister next be meeting with the chair of Network Rail to discuss investment

in integrated transport to serve the constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd? OAQ(4)0325(EST)W WITHDRAWN

11. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** What progress has the Minister made towards the development of a network of community banks in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0330(EST)

12. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans to support Small Business Saturday on 7 December? OAQ(4)0323(EST)

13. **Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement on economic growth in Wales? OAQ(4)0327(EST)

14. **Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister outline her strategy to support the aviation industry in Wales? OAQ(4)0320(EST)

15. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for strategic bus transport routes? OAQ(4)0328(EST)