

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 19 November 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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### Agenda (163)v5

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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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#### **Urgent Question**

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on his review of Higher Education funding?

#### **2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)**

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

#### **3 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Introduction of the Housing (Wales) Bill (60 mins)**

#### **4 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Update on City Regions (30 mins)**

#### **5 The Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2013 (15 mins)**

**NDM5355 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2013 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 22 October 2013.

### **Supporting Documents**

[The Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Order 2013](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report](#)

[Welsh Government Response to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report – The Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Order 2013](#)

### **6 Debate on the Draft Budget 2014–15 (120 mins)**

**NDM5356 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.12:

Notes the Draft Budget for the financial year 2014–2015 laid in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance on 8 October 2013.

The Draft Budget Proposals 2014–15 is available on the following link:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-business-fourth-assembly-laid-docs.htm?act=dis&id=250809&ds=10/2013>

The following amendments have been tabled:

#### **Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Recognises the additional investment made in the draft budget to the health service arising from the pressure applied by the Welsh Conservatives; and
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to redraft their Draft Budget for 2014–15 so that it:

- a) protects the health budget in real terms and fully addresses the extreme financial pressures facing local health boards in Wales;
- b) meets the needs of businesses across Wales, for the benefit of the Welsh economy;
- c) addresses the funding challenges facing FE colleges, so that they can provide a full range of skills and vocational courses for learners in Wales.

#### **Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new points at end of motion:

Notes the important agreement achieved by the Party of Wales and the Welsh Liberal Democrats in securing:

- a) an Intermediate Care Fund to alleviate pressures on A&E departments and provide care closer to home;
- b) more than a doubling of the Pupil Deprivation Grant;
- c) three state-of-the-art Da Vinci robots that will provide less invasive surgical procedures;
- d) a health technology and telemedicine fund to put Wales at the forefront of medical technology;
- e) protection of the Supporting People Programme; and

Further notes the positive impact such investments will have on communities across the country and the improvement in community-based services that will follow.

**Supported by:**

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

#### **Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point at end of the motion:

Welcomes the joint approach between the Welsh Liberal Democrats and Plaid Cymru, which has secured within the Draft Budget:

- a) an additional £35million to double funding for the Pupil Deprivation Grant to help break the link between poverty and educational underachievement;
- b) a £50million Intermediate Care Fund to support independent living and reduce pressure on the emergency care system;

c) an additional £9.5million investment in the Health Technology Fund to increase investment in telemedicine; and

d) a £5.5million Support People Package to help tackle homelessness.

Supported by:

Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

## Supporting Document

[The Draft Budget for the financial year 2014–2015](#)

[Report of the Finance Committee's Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014–15](#)

Research Paper: [Draft Budget Proposals 2014–15 \(October 2013\)](#) – Research Service

## **7 Debate on the Children's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report 2012–13 (60 mins)**

NDM5357 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Children's Commissioner for Wales' Annual report 2012–13.

The 2012–13 Annual Report of the Children's Commissioner for Wales can be accessed on the following link:

<http://www.childcomwales.org.uk/uploads/publications/400.pdf>

## **The following amendments have been tabled:**

### **Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point at end of the motion:

Acknowledges the concern raised by the Children's Commissioner for Wales regarding the severity of insufficient safeguarding arrangements.

### **Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point at end of the motion:

Regrets the finding within the report that often the voices of children and young people are completely ignored and calls on the Welsh Government to show stronger leadership on access to independent professional advocacy.

### **Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point at end of the motion:

Regrets the decision by the Welsh Government not to introduce a Children and Young Persons (Wales) Bill despite their commitment within the 2011 legislative statement, and calls on the Welsh Government to reverse this decision and bring forward legislation to strengthen the rights of children and young people and reform the statutory basis for the Children's Commissioner's office.

### **Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point at end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide a response to the Children's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report prior to the annual debate on this report.

### **Voting Time**

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 20 November 2013

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 14 November 2013 for answer on 19 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. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the First Minister make a statement on Finance Wales? OAQ(4)1346(FM)

2. Keith Davies (Llanelli): How does the Welsh Government support food banks in Wales? OAQ(4)1350(FM)W

3. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the First Minister detail what the Welsh Government is doing to improve economic competitiveness in Wales? OAQ(4)1342(FM)

4. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What are the milestones that are expected to be achieved by the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013? OAQ(4)1345(FM)

5. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the First Minister provide an update on the impact of welfare reform in Wales? OAQ(4)1334(FM)

6. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the First Minister outline the latest information on measles outbreaks in Wales? OAQ(4)1344(FM)

7. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on co–production in public service delivery? OAQ(4)1340(FM)

8. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What action has the Welsh Government taken to improve the Welsh economy in the last six months? OAQ(4)1336(FM) WITHDRAWN
9. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister make a statement on the development of Cardiff Airport? OAQ(4)1341(FM)
10. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): When did the First Minister last meet with the Secretary of State for Wales? OAQ(4)1348(FM)W
11. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): Will the First Minister make a statement on efforts to protect frontline services in the context of austerity? OAQ(4)1343(FM)
12. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the First Minister make a statement on provision for those with hard-to-diagnose cancers? OAQ(4)1347(FM)
13. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What assessment has the First Minister made of whether the Welsh NHS is suffering winter pressures at this point in time? OAQ(4)1335(FM)
14. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Can the First Minister confirm how many credit unions are currently in operation in Wales? OAQ(4)1337(FM)
15. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on emergency services within the Hywel Dda Local Health Board? OAQ(4)1349(FM)W

# Agenda Item 2

## Business Statement and Announcement

Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 27 November 2013

Tuesday 3 December and Wednesday 4 December 2013

Tuesday 10 December and Wednesday 11 December 2013

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Tuesday 26 November 2013

## Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance: The UK Government's Full Response to the Silk Commission's Report on Financial Reform (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Hill Review: Future Delivery of Education Services in Wales (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

**Tuesday 3 December 2013**

#### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Responses to the "Renting Homes" White Paper (30 mins)
- Debate on the General Principles of the Education (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Education (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (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 Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47.

- Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill (5 mins)
- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the NHS Finance (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 Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47.

- Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the NHS Finance (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

**Wednesday 4 December 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 by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales) (30 mins)

**Tuesday 10 December 2013**

#### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: PISA 2012 (30 mins)
- LCM on the Water Bill (15 mins)
- Debate on the Final Budget 2014–15 (60 mins)
- Debate on the Sustainable Development Annual Report (60 mins)

- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Control of Horses (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 Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47.

- Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

**Wednesday 11 December 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**

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Julie Morgan (Cardiff North) (30 mins)