Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 14 January 2014

Meeting time:
13:30

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.

View Questions

Urgent Question
William Graham (South Wales East) Will the Minister make a statement concerning the co-ordination of the emergency services with other government departments, agencies and voluntary services in tackling the adverse weather conditions and flooding?

2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

View Business Statement and Announcement

3 Statement by the Counsel General: The Referral of the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill to the Supreme Court (30 mins)

4 Statement by the Minister for Culture and Sport: Historic Environment Services in Wales (30 mins)

5 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Implementation of a new Common Agricultural Policy (30 mins)
6 Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion on the Children and Families Bill in respect of an amendment in relation to section 98(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (30 mins)

NDM5383 Gwenda Thomas (Neath)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Children and Families Bill, relating to amendments to section 98(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 3 December 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(iii).

A copy of the Bill can be found here:


Supporting Document

Legislative Consent Memorandum
Legal Advice Note

7 The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2014 (15 mins)

NDM5395 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

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

Approves that the draft The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 26 November 2013.

Supporting Documents

The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2014
Explanatory Memorandum

8 The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)

NDM5392 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

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

Approves that the draft The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 9 December 2013.

Supporting Documents

The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014
Explanatory Memorandum
Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report

Motion to suspend Standing Order 11.16 to allow the next item of business to be debated (5 mins)
NDM5400 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

That the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow the motion under item 9 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday 14 January 2014.

9 The Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Order 2014 (15 mins)
NDM5396 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

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

Approves that the draft The Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Order 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 6 January 2014.

Supporting Documents

The Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Order 2014
Explanatory Memorandum
Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee
10 Debate: The 2014–15 Local Government Revenue & Capital Settlements (60 mins)

NDM5393 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988:

Approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2014–2015 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was laid in the Table Office on 7 January 2014.

Supporting Document
The Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2014–2015 (Final Settlement – Councils)


NDM5394 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the progress made on promoting equality and inclusion in 2012–13, as set out in the Welsh Government’s Annual Report on Equality, which was laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 13 December 2013.

Supporting Document
The Welsh Government’s Annual Report on Equality

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to encourage the development of domestic abuse workplace policies for public sector employees.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Believes that victims of sex crimes should have the right to be informed when their attacker is released from custody, including the conditions of their release, and that this right should be included in the forthcoming Ending Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse Bill.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)
Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Recognises the need to ensure that support services for victims of sexual violence are of a consistent standard and are available throughout Wales.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consider introducing an Access to Elected Office for Disabled People Fund such as that introduced by the UK Government.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 15 January 2014
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. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on the damage caused to defences by recent flooding? OAQ(4)1418(FM)

2. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the First Minister make a statement on the impact of welfare reform on poverty in Torfaen? OAQ(4)1424(HSS)


4. Leighton Andrews (Rhondda): Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans to commemorate Welsh involvement in the First World War? OAQ(4)1426(FM)

5. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the First Minister make a statement concerning the admission of patients into hospitals in South Wales East, over the Christmas to New Year period? OAQ(4)1422(FM)

6. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the First Minister make a statement on local authorities’ capital programmes? OAQ(4)1415(FM)W
7. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): What is the Welsh Government doing to support and promote sport in Wales? OAQ(4)1410(FM)

8. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on out-of-hours mental health services in mid Wales? OAQ(4)1419(FM)

9. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What is the Welsh Government doing to ensure the results of all clinical trials are published? OAQ(4)1420(FM)

10. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister state the Welsh Government’s aspirations for job creation in Wales during 2014? OAQ(4)1408(FM)

11. Julie James (Swansea West): What plans does the Welsh Government have to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Dylan Thomas this year? OAQ(4)1412(FM)

12. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the First Minister make a statement on his recent visit to Uganda? OAQ(4)1423(FM)

13. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on nursing levels in Welsh hospitals? OAQ(4)1427(FM)

14. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the First Minister make a statement on flooding in north Wales? OAQ(4)1414(FM)

15. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh home energy efficiency schemes? OAQ(4)1417(FM)
Business Statement and Announcement

Tuesday 21 January and Wednesday 22 January 2014

Tuesday 28 January and Wednesday 29 January 2014

Tuesday 4 February and Wednesday 5 February 2014

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Tuesday 21 January 2014

Government Business

• First Minister’s Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
• Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
• Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Hywel Dda Service Change Plans (30 mins)
• Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Local Government Performance – Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (30 mins)
• Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Improving the Energy Performance of Buildings in Wales (30 mins)
• The Legislative Reform (Payments by Parish Councils, Community Councils and Charter Trustees) Order 2013 (15 mins)
• Supplementary LCM on the Children and Families Bill in relation to the regulation of retail packaging of tobacco products, the regulation of tobacco products themselves and the creation of associated offences (45 mins)
• Supplementary LCM on the Children and Families Bill in relation to section 38 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (child performances) (30 mins)
• Debate on Ensuring Wider Access to our Heritage and Culture (60 mins)

Wednesday 22 January 2014

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)
• Motion under Standing Order 16.3 to alter the remits and titles of committees (5 mins)
• Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Youth Entrepreneurship (60 mins)
• Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
• Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
• Short Debate – Leanne Wood (South Wales Central) (30 mins)

Tuesday 28 January 2014

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 Finance: Progress on Improving Public Procurement (30 mins)
• Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Independent Review into the Resilience of Farming (30 mins)
• Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Update on Transport Policy (30 mins)

Wednesday 29 January 2014

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 on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on the Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales – Follow up report (60 mins)
• Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
• Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
• Short Debate – Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central) (30 mins)

Tuesday 4 February 2014

Government Business
• First Minister’s Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
• Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
• Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill (300 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 Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

Wednesday 5 February 2014

Government Business
• Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Housing (45 mins)
• Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)
Assembly Business

- Debate on the Petitions Committee's Report on Academi Heddwch Cymru / Wales Peace Institute (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Darren Millar (Clwyd West) (30 mins)