

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 15 January 2014

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda (172)v2

1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Counsel General (10 mins)

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3 Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

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4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5397 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Notes recent Welsh international rugby successes and the importance of rugby to the culture and economy of Wales.

2. Notes the current discussions between the WRU and Regional Rugby Wales regarding the future of Welsh rugby and recognises the importance of developing and maintaining a strong grassroots and regional structure to enable the sport to develop and thrive throughout Wales.

3. Believes that a strong platform for Welsh rugby requires national and regional bodies and clubs to work together constructively to create a strong financial footing for the future well-being of the sport and hopes for a timely resolution to current negotiations.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5398 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England are stronger together as part of a United Kingdom.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Believes that the relationships between the nations of Britain will be strengthened by respecting the right of the peoples of Britain to determine their individual national futures.

2. Further believes that a new social and economic settlement of equal partners would best provide an enduring and fair context for cooperation in these islands.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at end of motion:

‘with greater powers devolved to each of the constituent nations’

Amendment 3 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes what devolution has done to enhance democracy in Scotland and Wales and its contribution to the peace process in Northern Ireland.

6 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5399 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop and implement a new national NHS workforce plan for the next decade and to significantly increase the medical workforce in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete ‘and to significantly increase the medical workforce in Wales’ and replace with ‘to address recruitment challenges in the Welsh health service’

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to outline how it intends to use the additional £180 million allocated to the Welsh health service for 2014–15 following the recommendations of the Francis Report, to respond to workforce issues within the Welsh NHS.

The Francis Report is available at:

<http://www.midstaffspublicinquiry.com/report>

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Welsh Government recruitment campaigns, such as Work for Wales, have done little to alleviate the shortage of clinicians in some disciplines.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that uncertainty over the future of services in some Welsh hospitals has been detrimental to the recruitment of staff.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the high spend on locum and agency staff across health boards in Wales as a result of workforce challenges.

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the necessity of a properly resourced NHS and the importance of investment in training and permanent posts.

Voting Time

7 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5391 Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Why trade unionism still matters in Wales

Exploring how trade unions have evolved in Wales as they continue to represent their members' interests and concerns, particularly in the current austerity climate.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 21 January 2014

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 8 January 2014 for answer on 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)

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

1. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister supply the most recent information regarding the Welsh Ambulance Trust's budget for 2014 before any new arrangements are introduced? OAQ(4)0381(HSS)W

2. Julie James (Swansea West): What plans does the Minister have for Swansea's mental health services in 2014? OAQ(4)0368(HSS)

3. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on staff development in the Welsh NHS? OAQ(4)0372(HSS)

4. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on access to psychological therapy for people with mental health problems in Wales? OAQ(4)0376(HSS)

5. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister make a statement on the treatment and support for Dystonia patients in Wales? OAQ(4)0369 (HSS)

6. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the most recent release of mortality figures by Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board? OAQ(4)0375(HSS)

7. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on health board mortality data? OAQ(4)0366(HSS)

8. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of training for psychologists?
OAQ(4)0367(HSS)

9. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on bilingual provision by GPs in the Betsi Cadwaladr area?
OAQ(4)0380(HSS)W

10. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the free prescriptions policy's impact on mental health outcomes for Welsh patients? OAQ(4)0365(HSS)

11. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the recruitment of GPs in rural Wales? OAQ(4)0373(HSS)

12. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement on the amount of funding available for medical research in Wales?
OAQ(4)0378(HSS)

13. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on his recent visit to Morryston Hospital with the Finance Minister before Christmas? OAQ(4)0370(HSS)

14. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of hospital services in the Hywel Dda Health Board area? OAQ(4)0382(HSS)W

15. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister make a statement on the treatment available for patients who have neuroendocrine tumours? OAQ(4)0379(HSS)

To ask the Counsel General

1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Counsel General had with Law Officers regarding the legislative

competence of the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill over the past month? OAQ(4)054(CG)W

2. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Counsel General make a statement on the referral of the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill to the Supreme Court? OAQ(4)055(CG)W

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

1. **Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** How is the Welsh Government aiding people to access affordable finance? OAQ(4)0112(CTP)

2. **David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government funding support for Credit Unions? OAQ(4)0121(CTP)

3. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on his priorities for the voluntary sector in west Wales? OAQ(4)0109(CTP)

4. **Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the criteria for selecting successful projects and organisations to gain funding through the Equality and Inclusion Grant? OAQ(4)0124(HSS)

5. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Future Generations Bill? OAQ(4)0119(CTP)

6. **Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East):** What action is the Minister taking to tackle child poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)0108 (CTP)

7. **Julie James (Swansea West):** Will the Minister provide an update on Communities First? OAQ(4)0111(CTP)

8. **William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the involvement of the voluntary sector and volunteers in

tackling the effects of the weather over the Christmas and New Year period? OAQ(4)0117(CTP)

9. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the Communities First programme? OAQ(4)0115(CTP)W

10. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister outline what assessment he has made of existing strategies to address rural poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)0118(CTP)

11. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): What good practices in tackling poverty were observed by the Deputy Minister for Tackling Poverty during his visit to Swansea last week? OAQ(4)0116(CTP)

12. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister provide a progress update on the Communities First programme clusters? OAQ(4)010(CTP)

13. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to reduce transport poverty across Wales? OAQ(4)0122(CTP)

14. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the effects of privatising the Royal Mail on the service in Wales? OAQ(4)0114(CTP)W

15. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Minister have to improve community cohesion in Wales? OAQ(4)0113(CTP)