

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Meeting time:
13:30

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National
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Wales



Agenda (178)v5

1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)

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Urgent Question

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement regarding the salaries and pensions of senior council officers in light of Wales Audit Office reports?

Motion to suspend Standing Order 12.20(i) and Standing Order 11.16 to allow NNDM5427 to be considered (5 mins)

NNDM5428 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) and 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 NNDM5427 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 5 February 2014.

4 Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion on the Children and Families Bill in relation to smoking in private vehicles carrying a person or persons under the age of 18 (30 mins)
NNDM5427 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)

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 smoking in private vehicles carrying a person or persons under the age of 18, 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 4 February 2014 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(iii).

A copy of the Children and Families Bill can be found at:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/childrenandfamilies.html>

5 Debate on the Petitions Committee's Report on Academi Heddwch Cymru / Wales Peace Institute (60 mins)
NDM5420 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee on the establishment of an Academi Heddwch Cymru / Wales Peace Institute, which was laid in the Table Office on 24 October 2013.

Supporting Documents

[Petitions Committee Report](#)
[Welsh Government's Response](#)

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)
NDM5421 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to prioritise improving connectivity throughout rural Wales to ensure effective access to services.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point at beginning of motion:

Recognises the importance of mobile and broadband connectivity to economic and social development in rural areas and calls on the Welsh Government to examine the planning system to ensure that planning rules support the development of digital infrastructure.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the benefits of superfast broadband connectivity to the rural economy and further notes the negative economic impacts of broadband ‘not-spots’ and delays in the rollout of high-speed broadband to rural areas.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure a national plan is put in place for the rollout of 4G mobile signal to all parts of Wales.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the particular barriers young people in rural areas face in accessing education, employment and training and calls on the Welsh Government to assess ways to improve rural transport connectivity to widen opportunities for

apprenticeships.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that poor broadband connectivity limits access to online banking in rural areas, and calls on the Welsh Government to include the examination of a community bank structure within the terms of reference for the further review into a development bank for Wales, to sustain the presence of local banks in rural communities.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5422 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the significant potential of Wales' natural resources and believes that full control over their use should be devolved to the National Assembly.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete all after 'natural resources'.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that Welsh natural resources should be utilised in an environmentally and economically sustainable fashion for the long term benefit of the people of Wales.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the importance of community energy schemes to harnessing our natural

resources in Wales, and calls on the Welsh Government to outline the action it will take to improve the Ynni'r Fro programme following the raft of recommendations within the Ynni'r Fro Mid-term Evaluation report.

The Ynni'r Fro Mid-term Evaluation report is available at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/statistics-and-research/evaluation-ynnir-fro/?lang=en>

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believe that the Welsh Government has yet to develop the expertise and capacity to administer large scale energy projects.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on Welsh Government to:

- a) hold an inquiry into how community energy benefits can be developed;
- b) conduct a review of consenting and licensing of small scale renewables; and
- c) work with the UK Government to look into the issue of water boundaries.

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to allow for greater localism in the use of natural resources within communities, giving Welsh people the same rights as those communities in England currently have under the Localism Act 2011.

Amendment 7 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government's mismanagement of the natural timber resources of the Welsh Forestry estate has:

a) allowed large areas of larch and other tree species to remain infected with phytophthora ramorum; and

b) contributed to huge stands of infected larch remaining unfelled with a 2 year backlog in the felling programme.

Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the barriers to promoting and protecting Wales's natural resources created by the current planning system.

Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that decisions over CAP payments has placed Welsh farmers at a competitive disadvantage to the other devolved nations of the United Kingdom when managing their natural resources.

Amendment 10 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the mismanagement of Wales's natural resources contributes to the spread of Bovine TB and impacts on wildlife and agricultural production in Wales.

Voting Time

8 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5388 Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Older people, scams and doorstep crime

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 11 February 2014