

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Meeting time:
13:30

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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

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 29 January 2014 for answer on 5 February 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 Natural Resources and Food

1. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister provide the latest information on the requests received from local authorities to fund emergency repairs to coastal defences? OAQ(4)0116(NRF)W
2. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on the promotion of Welsh food? OAQ(4)0107(NRF)W
3. Byron Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's common land policy? OAQ(4)0113(NRF)
4. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government action to improve farming in west Wales? OAQ(4)0105(NRF)
5. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to promote the future of upland farming? OAQ(4)0101(NRF)W
6. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide an update on his plans to promote food and drink from Wales? OAQ(4)0102(NRF)
7. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of responsible natural resources management in Wales? OAQ(4)0110(NRF)

8. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the role Natural Resources Wales plays in protecting the natural heritage of Wales? OAQ(4)0115(NRF)

9. **Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the flood prevention measures being taken against the River Tawe in Swansea East? OAQ(4)0103(NRF)

10. **Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is working to tackle fuel poverty? OAQ(4)0108(NRF)

11. **Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What impact will the new EU emissions targets have on Wales's role in combating climate change? OAQ(4)0117(NRF)

12. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Welsh Government provide an update on its discussions with the Home Office regarding the use of live animals in experiments? OAQ(4)0112(NRF)

13. **Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister update the Assembly on what progress is being made with the evaluation and implementation of the Nature Fund? OAQ(4)0109(NRF)

14. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What discussions has the Minister held regarding the support of hydro-electric plans in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0111(NRF)W

15. **Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the future of farming in the moorlands of Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0118(NRF)

To ask the Minister for Housing and Regeneration

1. **David Rees (Aberavon):** What progress is being made by local authorities across Wales in producing their Local Development Plans? OAQ(4)0349(HR)

2. **Leighton Andrews (Rhondda):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's affordable housing policy? OAQ(4)0350(HR)

3. **Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** What monitoring mechanisms are in place to ensure that housing bodies fulfill guidance issued by your department? OAQ(4)0352(HR)

4. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on regeneration efforts in west Wales? OAQ(4)0342(HR)

5. **Julie James (Swansea West):** What plans does the Minister have to control the spread of letting signs in areas of high density HMOs? OAQ(4)0344(HR)

6. **Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister make a statement on his priorities for regeneration projects? OAQ(4)357(HR)W

7. **Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What steps is the Welsh Government taking to help South Wales Central residents get on the property ladder? OAQ(4)0346(HR)

8. **Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on the work of rural housing enablers in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0351(HR)

9. **Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the enforcement of building regulations? OAQ(4)0343(HR)

10. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on continual professional development for town planners in Wales? OAQ(4)0354(HR)

11. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the effect of the proposed Planning Bill on the Welsh language? OAQ(4)0345(HR)W

12. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement regarding improving the energy performance of buildings in Wales? OAQ(4)0355(HR)

13. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to improve the quality of Welsh housing stock? OAQ(4)0347(HR)

14. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the Disabled Facilities Grant? OAQ(4)0348(HR)

15. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide an update on his plans to provide new affordable homes in Wales? OAQ(4)0340(HR)

To ask the Counsel General

1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Counsel General make a statement regarding how the draft Wales Bill promotes public debate regarding achieving a separate jurisdiction for Wales? OAQ(4)0056(CG)W

2. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Law Commission with regards to the draft Wales Bill? OAQ(4)0057(CG)W