

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 12 March 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda

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### 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 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

**NDM5448 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of bus services to the people of Wales.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure stability for the bus industry and passengers.
3. Further calls on the Welsh Government to protect bus services in Wales.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the recommendation of the Commission on Devolution in Wales to devolve regulatory power over buses to the Welsh Government.

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

Add new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the need for a dedicated Traffic Commissioner for Wales.

**Amendment 3 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

In point 3, after ‘Welsh Government’ insert ‘to work with the bus industry and other partners’

**4 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5449 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the Welsh language is an economic driver and that its long term continuation as a community language depends on strong local and regional economic growth.
2. Recognises that expenditure by the Welsh Government and public bodies can have a real impact on the language.
3. Believes that the Welsh Government and its partners should develop area-based economic policies to support the language and maximise its economic benefit.

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to include an assessment of the impact of its policies on the Welsh language within its Equality Impact Assessment Guidance.

### **5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)**

#### **NDM5450 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that safe and affordable public transport is key to enabling young people to access work, education, training and apprenticeships.

2. Regrets that the affordability of public transport acts as a significant barrier for part-time workers and to the post-16 choices of young people.

3. Welcomes the steps taken by some local authorities in Wales to introduce a concessionary fare scheme for young people but regrets that significant variability in concessions leads to a postcode lottery of affordable transport for young travellers.

4. Recognises the achievements of community transport schemes including Bwcabus and Grass Routes in providing accessible and flexible transport for local communities.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) work with bus operators to introduce a national concessionary fare scheme for young people through a new ‘young travellers’ rate for 16–18 year olds and students;

b) examine the feasibility of a season ticket for part-time workers;

c) explore the potential for extending community transport schemes such as Bwcabus and Grass Routes in rural areas; and

d) examine ways to develop a low carbon network of public transport in Wales.

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the fact that bus operators are actively pursuing concessionary fare schemes for young people and students.

**Voting Time**

**6 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5447 Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**

Build it and they will come?

The case for the Carmarthen to Aberystwyth railway.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 18 March 2014

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 5 March 2014 for answer on 12 March 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. **Leighton Andrews (Rhondda)**: How many jobs have been created by Welsh Government energy efficiency programmes such as Arbed?

OAQ(4)0126(NRF)

2. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)**: What plans does the Minister have to encourage new renewable energy projects? OAQ(4)0122(NRF)

3. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire)**: Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's Rural Development Plan?

OAQ(4)0130(NRF)

4. **Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)**: Will the Minister give an update on the progress of the Strategic Framework for Bovine TB Eradication in respect of wildlife? OAQ(4)0124(NRF)

5. **Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)**: What is the Welsh Government doing to protect sites of special scientific interest? OAQ(4)0129(NRF)

6. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**: What lessons have been learnt from the recent severe storms in relation to sustaining coastal communities? OAQ(4)0132(NRF)W

7. **Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales)**: Will the Minister make a statement on Wales's contribution to tackling climate change?

OAQ(4)0131(NRF)

**8. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** What is the Welsh Government doing to halt the decline in the populations of bees and other pollinators in Wales? OAQ(4)0125(NRF)

**9. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the level of CO2 emissions in Wales? OAQ(4)0128(NRF)

**10. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What assessment has the Minister made of the effect of the January and February storms this years on fishing? OAQ(4)0134(NRF)W

**11. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister provide an update on what the Welsh Government is doing to tackle invasive non-native plants? OAQ(4)0119(NRF)

**12. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's approach to improving the environment in Wales? OAQ(4)0127(NRF)

**13. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's approach to controlling injurious weeds and invasive plants in Wales? OAQ(4)0120(NRF)

**14. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline Welsh Government policies to prevent flooding? OAQ(4)0121(NRF)

**15. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's food and drink strategy? OAQ(4)0133(NRF)W

## **To ask the Minister for Housing and Regeneration**

**1. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on what guidance the Welsh Government gives to social landlords for dealing with anti-social behaviour? OAQ(4)0364(HR)

- 2. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on his proposals for the future of the Welsh planning system?  
OAQ(4)0360(HR)
- 3. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on town centre regeneration in west Wales? OAQ(4)0359(HR)
- 4. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on planning protections for recreational space in Wales? OAQ(4)0361(HR)
- 5. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government policy in relation to the registration of private landlords?  
OAQ(4)0374(HR)W
- 6. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on escrow payments made between local planning authorities and opencast operators? OAQ(4)0362(HR)
- 7. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the number of home adaptations carried out in Islwyn in the last year?  
OAQ(4)0369(HR)
- 8. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** What action is the Minister taking to support the improvement of governance within the housing association sector? OAQ(4)0373(HR)
- 9. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What powers does the Government have to limit the number of HMOs in a community? OAQ(4)0370(HR)
- 10. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister provide an update on the progress being made to regenerate Welsh high streets?  
OAQ(4)0363(HR)
- 11. Julie James (Swansea West):** Will the Minister provide an update on progress in establishing a commission to look at areas of high density HMOs? OAQ(4)0368(HR)

**12. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Planning Bill? OAQ(4)0366(HR)

**13. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** How does the Minister intend to use his responsibility for planning policy to advance the Welsh Government's priorities? OAQ(4)0375(HR)

**14. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the proposed number of new homes planned for North Wales? OAQ(4)0371(HR)W

**15. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister outline how many properties have been built on registered floodplains in Wales over the past 10 years? OAQ(4)0367(HR)