

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 18 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 First Minister (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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### Urgent Question

**Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on claims by the First Minister that the Welsh Government will no longer bear costs associated with electrification of the Valleys Lines?

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

### Motion to elect Members to Committees

**NDM5471 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order

17.14, elects Alun Ffred Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a member, and Chair, of the Environment and Sustainability Committee in place of Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Plaid Cymru).

**3 Debate: The Report of the Expert Group on Diversity in Local Government (60 mins)**

**NDM5462 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Expert Group on Diversity in Local Government.

The Report is available on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dsjlg/publications/localgov/140305-expert-group-report-en.pdf>

**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 work with local authorities to encourage family-friendly working environments, and to take into account the report's findings regarding childcare availability, timings of meetings and the atmosphere of council meetings.

**4 Debate: The Legislative Programme (60 mins)**

**NDM5463 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme.

Details of the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme can be found at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/legislation/programme/?lang=en>

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes concerns raised about the number of framework bills being brought to the Assembly.

#### **Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes concerns raised about the number of occasions that the Assembly's standard legislative process has been curtailed.

#### **Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern the recent trend of framework bills, and fast-tracked and emergency legislation, which undermines the capacity for effective legislative scrutiny and strong democratic accountability.

#### **Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Government to bring forward a bill on special educational needs within the next year.

#### **Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that the success of the Legislative Programme relies on a comprehensive and coherent Programme for Government.

#### **Amendment 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the Legislative Programme is restricted by referrals of government legislation to the Supreme Court.

## **Voting Time**

### **5 Report Stage debate for the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill (150 mins)**

The amendments will be disposed of in the order that the sections and schedules to which they relate were set out in the motion under Standing Order 26.36 agreed by the Assembly on 11 March 2014.

**The amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:**

#### **1. Statutory principles**

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#### **2. Technical**

11, 22, 23, 24, 25, 43, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 97, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 69, 70, 83, 84, 85, 87, 91, 10

#### **3. UN Principles and Convention**

7, 8, 9

#### **4. Assessment of actions required to provide services in languages other than English**

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#### **5. Care and support in the home**

108, 114

#### **6. Provision of accessible information, advice and assistance**

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**7. Refusal of a needs assessment**

12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

**8. Combining needs assessments and other assessments**

19, 20, 21

**9. Regulations about assessments**

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**10. Determination of eligibility**

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**11. Zero hours contracts**

102, 103, 105

**12. Duty to meet carers' support needs**

26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 50

**13. Direct payments**

31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42

**14. Protecting property of persons being cared for away from home**

44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49

**15. Deferred payment agreements and recovery of charges**

51, 53

**16. Transfer of assets to avoid charges**

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**17. Appeals against decisions taken by the local authority**

110, 111, 107

**18. Promotion and maintenance of contact between child and family**

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**19. Post-18 living arrangements**

2, 3, 4

**20. Support for category 4 young people**

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**21. Arrangements to assist children to live outside England and Wales**

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**22. Social services functions**

98, 99, 100

**23. Interpretation of prison and contracted out prison for the purposes of section**

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67, 94

**24. Definition of well-being for the purposes of the Children Act 2004**

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**25. Adoption services**

112, 6

**26. Local authority duties in relation to care leavers who are in prison, youth detention accommodation or bail accommodation etc**

71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82

**27. Provider failure**

86, 88, 89, 90

## **28. Review of the Act**

118, 119, 115, 116

## **29. Review of future demand for social care and health care**

120, 117

## **30. General interpretation and index of defined expressions**

92, 93, 96, 95

\* Group 4:

These amendments will be disposed of in the order— 1A, 1

(Amendment 1 is the lead amendment in the group).

## **Supporting Documents**

[Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Bill, as amended at Stage 3](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum revised after Stage 2](#)

[Marshalled List of Amendments](#)

[Grouping of Amendments](#)

## **6 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill (15 mins)**

At the conclusion of Report Stage the Deputy Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 19 March 2014

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 13 March 2014 for answer on 18 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)

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. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the First Minister make a statement on science education in Wales? OAQ(4)1570(FM)
- 2. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's responsibilities over spectator safety at sporting events in Wales? OAQ(4)1559(FM)
- 3. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What is the Welsh Government's greatest achievement in tackling poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)1569(FM)W
- 4. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What steps has the Welsh Government taken to address the shortage of staff in the NHS that can speak Welsh? OAQ(4)1562(FM)W
- 5. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** What guidance has the Welsh Government provided to local authorities on setting their budget plans? OAQ(4)1561(FM)
- 6. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the First Minister indicate when the special education needs bill will be introduced? OAQ(4)1558(FM)



**7. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister provide an update on the provision of free education for three year olds?  
OAQ(4)1560(FM)

**8. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the First Minister outline any discussions he has held with Ministers in relation to so called legal highs? OAQ(4)1568(FM)

**9. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on fees paid to outside organisations to manage programmes associated with its anti-poverty strategy?  
OAQ(4)1554(FM)

**10. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** What guidance does the Welsh Government give to local education authorities to deal with situations where financial circumstances make it difficult to comply with school uniform rules? OAQ(4)1567(FM)W

**11. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the importance of renewable energy generation in Wales?  
OAQ(4)1555(FM)

**12. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government priorities for integrated transport in Wales? OAQ(4)1565(FM)

**13. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on health spending in Wales? OAQ(4)1552(FM)

**14. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** What is the Welsh Government doing to support the economy of west Wales? OAQ(4)1553(FM)

**15. David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the First Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government will use science to improve the economy?  
OAQ(4)1566(FM)



# Agenda Item 2

## Business Statement and Announcement

Tuesday 25 March 2014 & Wednesday 26 March 2014

Tuesday 1 April 2014 & Wednesday 2 April 2014

Recess: Monday 7 April 2014 – Sunday 27 April 2014

Tuesday 29 April 2014 & Wednesday 30 April 2014

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Tuesday 25 March 2014

### Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the First Minister: Policy Statement on the Welsh Language – Response to Reports on Mentrau Iaith and Welsh Speaking Communities (30 mins)
- The Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Detection of Fraud) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)
- The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)
- Debate: Delivery of Fire and Rescue Services in Wales (60 mins)
- Debate: Tackling Housing Related Anti-Social Behaviour (60 mins)
- Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Education (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

Wednesday 26 March 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)
- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

**NNDM5464**

**Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)**

**Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Commits to playing its full part in European affairs; and in particular:

a) recognises the value both to Wales and to the EU of positive Welsh engagement in Europe;

b) utilises the skills, experience and innovation of the Government and people of Wales to promote social justice, economic prosperity and democratic governance across Europe.

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Julie James (Swansea West) (30 mins)

**Tuesday 1 April 2014**

#### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Progress towards Delivering Growth, an Action Plan for the Food and Drink Industry in Wales (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: A National Model of Professional Learning (30 mins)
- The Public Bodies (Abolition of the Advisory Committee on Valuation of Improvements and Tenant-Right Matters) Order 2014 (15 mins)
- Motion to agree the general principles of the Housing (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

**Wednesday 2 April 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**

- Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (15 mins)
- Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Invasive Non Native Species (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Aled Roberts (North Wales) (30 mins)

### **Tuesday 29 April 2014**

#### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Debate: The approval of the draft 'Children's Rights Scheme 2014' under the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011 (60 mins)
- Debate: The Second Report of the Silk Commission on Devolution in Wales (60 mins)

### **Wednesday 30 April 2014**

#### **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)

#### **Assembly Business**

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate (30 mins)