

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 19 March 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda

(188)v3

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

[View Questions](#)

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

[View Questions](#)

3 Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)

[View Questions](#)

4 Statement by Darren Millar: Introduction of a Member proposed Bill – Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill (30 mins)

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)
NDM5468 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Expresses concern that some students taking English GCSE modules in January 2014 were awarded unexpectedly low grades;
2. Welcomes the Welsh Government's rapid review into the situation;
3. Notes the importance of considering all the evidence which is available for the review; and
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to share the nature of the review process and the evidence received as part of the review in an open and frank manner.

Supported by:

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5469 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the recent upturn in the UK economy as a result of UK Government actions.
2. Acknowledges that the overall UK GDP growth was 0.7 per cent in Q4 2013.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work collaboratively with the UK Government to ensure long-term economic growth.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete point 1.

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

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

In point 1, delete all after 'Recognises' and replace with 'improving economic conditions'.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Regrets that latest GDP data show a decline in Wales's GDP compared to the EU average.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the regular publication of key economic indicators such as GDP and GVA statistics in order to inform future policies.

Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Resolves that urgent steps are needed to improve Wales's economic fortunes including the adoption of an export-led, skills-based strategy.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the positive impact that the creation of more than a million apprenticeships in England since 2010 will have had on UK economy and regrets that in Wales the number of people on apprenticeships placements fell by more than 26% between 2006 and 2012.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)
NDM5467 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to tackle barriers to employment and career progression by:

- a) Extending affordable childcare across Wales;
- b) Ensuring public sector bodies take positive action to increase diversity;
- c) Working with large employers to increase opportunities for disabled people;
- d) Supporting the living wage and eliminating poor employment practices such as zero-hours contracts.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new sub-point b) and renumber accordingly:

Reviewing the causes of increasing workloads and stress-related sick leave for public sector workers, in particular nurses and teachers.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete sub-point d) and replace with:

Welcoming the raise in the personal allowance to £10,000 and the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills' consultation into zero-hours contracts.

The Department of Business, Innovation and Skills' consultation is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/zero-hours-employment-contracts>

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete all in sub-point d) and replace with:

Supporting good management practices that secure good workplace relationships and sustainable employment.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that workplace skills are at the heart of their new Assessment and Curriculum Review, in order to reduce the barriers to employment faced by young people.

Voting Time

8 **Short Debate (30 mins)**

NDM5466 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Save Our Services – The people of Pembrokeshire’s campaign to retain services at Withybush hospital.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 25 March 2014

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 12 March 2014 for answer on 19 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 Health and Social Services

- 1. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's position on the current services at Withybush Hospital, further to his meeting with the Save Withybush Action Team? OAQ(4)0408(HSS)
- 2. Peter Black (South Wales West):** What provision is the Minister making for diagnosis and support for those on the autistic spectrum? OAQ(4)0404(HSS)
- 3. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What action will the Minister take in 2014 to tackle the problem of missed GP appointments in Wales? OAQ(4)0409(HSS)
- 4. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister confirm whether the inquiry by Professor June Andrews into the Princess of Wales Hospital will deal with historic complaints more than three years old? OAQ(4)0403(HSS)
- 5. William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the number of scheduled operations that have been cancelled over the last 6 months in hospitals in South Wales East? OAQ(4)0410(HSS)
- 6. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** When does the Minister expect to see systematic improvements to the NHS's complaints

handling processes, in light of the recently announced review into this issue? OAQ(4)0416(HSS)

7. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister make a statement on waiting list levels for cardiac treatment in south west Wales?
OAQ(4)0406(HSS)W

8. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on physiotherapy services in Wales? OAQ(4)0418(HSS)

9. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What steps are being taken to improve access to primary medical care in South Wales Central?
OAQ(4)0413(HSS)

10. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of services to Welsh speakers in hospitals in North Wales? OAQ(4)0415(HSS)W

11. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the geographic boundaries of Professor Andrews deep dive investigation into Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB?
OAQ(4)0407(HSS)

12. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister provide an update on the measures the Welsh Government is taking to protect children from the health impacts of passive smoking? OAQ(4)0414(HSS)

13. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on ambulance waiting times in north Wales? OAQ(4)0412(HSS)W

14. Leanne Wood (south Wales Central): Will the Minister provide an update on the South Wales Programme on hospital reconfigurations?
OAQ(4)0411(HSS)

15. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister provide an update on the unified assessment process for accessing adult social care?
OAQ(4)0417(HSS)

To ask the Counsel General

1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Counsel General make a statement on referring Assembly Bills to the Supreme Court?
OAQ(4)0058(CG)W

2. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): What discussions has the Counsel General had with the Law Commission regarding Section 21 of the Draft Wales Bill? OAQ(4)0060(CG)

3. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Counsel General make a statement on the accessibility of Welsh Government legislation?
OAQ(4)0059(CG)W

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

1. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What standards are applied in relation to the provision of Flying Start programmes? OAQ(4)0158(CTP)W

2. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government legislation that will deliver its sustainable development agenda? OAQ(4)0154(CTP)

3. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on his priorities for the voluntary sector in west Wales?
OAQ(4)0142(CTP)

4. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's policy on third sector funding? OAQ(4)0148(CTP)

5. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What is the Welsh Government doing to promote credit unions across Wales? OAQ(4)0143(CTP)

6. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the number of people taking out high interest loans in Wales?
OAQ(4)0150(CTP)

7. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's efforts to tackle poverty in Arfon?

OAQ(4)0146(CTP)W

8. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What criteria does the Minister use to allocate Flying Start funds to local authorities? OAQ(4)0157(CTP)W

9. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the Community Facilities Programme? OAQ(4)0147(CTP)

10. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): How is the Welsh Government strengthening the voluntary sector in Wales? OAQ(4)0155(CTP)

11. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline expected changes in his priorities for tackling poverty in Cardiff in the 2014/15 financial year? OAQ(4)0151(CTP)

12. Julie James (Swansea West): Will the Minister make a statement on the integration of programmes designed to assist families?

OAQ(4)0153(CTP)

13. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of childcare in north Wales? OAQ(4)0149(CTP)W

14. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's key indicators for identifying rural poverty? OAQ(4)0144(CTP)

15. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What plans does the Welsh Government have to support credit unions in Ceredigion? OAQ(4)0145(CTP)W