

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 2 April 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

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National  
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Wales



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## Agenda

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### 1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)

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### 2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

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### Urgent Question

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the hugely significant proposals within the public health white paper consultation, following this morning's UK-wide media coverage and written statement?

### 3 Motion to amend Schedule 1 of the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure (2010) (5 mins)

**NDM5481 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with section 5(1) of

the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010:

Resolves that Schedule 1 to the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 be amended so that the following offices or descriptions of persons are no longer disqualified from membership of the National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board:

a) Member of the House of Lords;

b) A person who was a member of either of the panels appointed by the Assembly Commission to review the pay and allowances of Assembly Members in pursuance of the Assembly Commission's resolutions of 4 July 2007 and 8 May 2008.

The National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 is available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2010/4/contents>

#### **4 Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (15 mins)**

**NDM5487 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Schedule 1, paragraph 1, to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 and Standing Order 10.5:

Agrees to nominate Nicholas Bennett to Her Majesty for appointment as Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

#### **5 Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Invasive Non Native Species (60 mins)**

**NDM5482 Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its inquiry into Invasive Non Native Species which was laid in the Table Office on 10 January 2014.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was laid in the Table Office on 26 March 2014.

## **Supporting Documents**

[Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report  
Welsh Government's Response](#)

**6 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**  
**NDM5484 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Programme for Government indicators;
2. Calls on the First Minister to clarify the role the First Minister's Delivery Unit plays in delivering these indicators;
3. Regrets the Delivery Unit's apparent failure to improve the delivery of Welsh Government policy objectives for public service delivery in Wales.

The Programme for Government indicators are available at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/programmeforgov/data?lang=en>

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the findings of the report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery with regards to the Programme for Government indicators;

The report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery is available at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dpsp/publications/psgd/140120-psgd-full-report-env2.pdf>

## **Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish targets and statistical indicators alongside all Government strategies and policies.

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

#### **NDM5485 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 1 in 10 children and adolescents will experience a mental health issue and recognises the importance of early intervention to support young people in reaching their full potential.
2. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to address key findings from the 2009 review of Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and notes the significant concerns within the 2013 follow up review of safety issues.
3. Regrets that over the past year, the number of vulnerable young people in Wales waiting more than 14 weeks to access child and adolescent psychiatric services has almost quadrupled, from 199 in January 2013 to 736 in January 2014.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) address the inequitable variation in the availability and accessibility of CAMHS in Wales;
  - b) investigate the waiting times between a child or young person's first assessment with CAMHS and their subsequent service referral;
  - c) review the governance arrangements for CAMHS inpatient units and out of area placements;

- d) routinely publish readmission statistics to help inform trends in the patient discharging system;
- e) ensure that all clinical staff within CAMHS have undertaken appropriate safeguarding checks;
- f) establish a firmer procedure for health boards to report on inappropriate placements on adult mental health wards;
- g) clarify the status of the National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services;
- h) consider the introduction of mental health education within the school curriculum to raise awareness and help address issues of stigma; and
- i) introduce a national framework to ensure continuity of treatment in the transition between CAMHS and Adult Mental Health Services, including a streamlined information sharing system between providers.

The 2009 review 'Services for children and young people with emotional and mental health needs' is available at:

<http://www.hiw.org.uk/Documents/477/CAMHS%20241109-e.pdf>

The 'Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: Follow-up Review of Safety Issues' (11 December 2013) is available at:

[http://www.hiw.org.uk/Documents/477/CAMHS\\_Final\\_english.pdf](http://www.hiw.org.uk/Documents/477/CAMHS_Final_english.pdf)

The National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services is available at:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/docmetadata.cfm?orgid=441&id=46873>

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

2. Recognises the steps being taken by successive Welsh Governments to improve mental health services for young people; and

3. Reaffirms the partnership approach, which sees Welsh Government, health, education, local government and the third sector working together as partners to address the continuing challenges of providing effective services in this area.

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

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that the Children's Commissioner has repeatedly expressed concern about support services for children and adolescents with mental health issues.

**Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that real term cuts to the health budget have the potential to hinder the ability of Welsh Local Health Boards to deliver improvements in CAMHS.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the commitment of the Welsh Government to ring-fence spending on mental health services and calls upon the Minister for Health and Social Services to publish information to demonstrate that it is monitoring and delivering this commitment and how it is impacting upon CAMHS services.

**Voting Time**

8 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5483 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

## Staying on Track: Maintaining Rail Connectivity for North Wales

The importance of rail connectivity between North Wales and the HS2 hub at Crewe, along with the potential for enhanced capacity from Wrexham and the North Wales Coast to Liverpool and Manchester.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 29 April 2014

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 26 March 2014 for answer on 2 April 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 Education and Skills

1. **Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)**: What assessment has the Minister made of the benefits of the BBC's educational services to the people of Wales? OAQ(4)0409(ESK)

2. **Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)**: Will the Minister provide an update on the work of the regional consortia in Wales?  
OAQ(4)0405(ESK)

3. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)**: Will the Minister make a statement on prisoner learning in Wales? OAQ(4)0401(ESK)

4. **Peter Black (South Wales West)**: Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's commitment to increase school budgets by 1% above the increase in the Welsh block grant? OAQ(4)0402(ESK)

5. **Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)**: What consideration has the Minister given to changing the way that science is taught in schools?  
OAQ(4)0403(ESK)

6. **Byron Davies (South Wales West)**: Will the Minister make a statement on entrepreneurship education in Wales? OAQ(4)0411(ESK)

7. **Mike Hedges (Swansea East)**: Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's Schools Challenge Cymru programme?  
OAQ(4)0400(ESK)

**8. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister provide an update on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools programme? OAQ(4)0412(ESK)W

**9. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on support to raise standards in schools? OAQ(4)0407(ESK)W

**10. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government guidance on preventing bullying in schools? OAQ(4)0406(ESK)

**11. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's policy on teaching pupils with special educational needs? OAQ(4)0404(ESK)

**12. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's approach to community learning? OAQ(4)0410(ESK)

**13. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister provide an update on the number of apprenticeships in Wales? OAQ(4)0413(ESK)

**14. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** What steps is the Minister taking to ensure that financial literacy is available for all those within the education system in Wales? OAQ(4)0414(ESK)

## **To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport**

**1. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the concessionary fares scheme? OAQ(4)0395(EST)

**2. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the pilot closure of Junction 41 of the M4 at Port Talbot? OAQ(4)0394(EST)

**3. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What discussions has the Minister had with UK Government Ministers about the development of the Metro system in south east Wales? OAQ(4)0404(EST)

**4. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** When does the Minister expect to report on the findings of the consultation on safer routes to schools? OAQ(4)0396(EST)

**5. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What are the Minister's priorities for the development of Enterprise Zones in the next six months? OAQ(4)0405(EST)

**6. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Bontnewydd and Caernarfon bypass? OAQ(4)0401(EST)W

**7. David Rees (Aberavon):** What economic impact analysis has been undertaken in relation to the proposed closure of slip roads at Junction 41 of the M4? OAQ(4)0400(EST)

**8. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on business rates in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0406(EST)

**9. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's activity to encourage economic growth in Montgomeryshire? OAQ(4)0408(EST)

**10. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the current state of the transportation industry in South Wales Central? OAQ(4)0399(EST)

**11. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline Welsh Government policies to increase private sector investment in Wales? OAQ(4)0407(EST)

**12. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on improvements to the Cambrian railway line?  
OAQ(4)0397(EST)W

**13. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the development of the life sciences sector in Wales? OAQ(4)0392(EST)

**14. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve transport infrastructure in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0402(EST)

**15. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the Minister make a statement on the latest unemployment figures in Wales? OAQ(4)0393(EST)

# Agenda Item 3

## Motion to amend Schedule 1 of the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010

### Background note for Assembly Members

*“To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with section 5(1) of the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010:*

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The Measure establishes the independent Remuneration Board which is responsible for setting Assembly Members’ remuneration and allowances.

There is a vacancy in the membership of the Remuneration Board following the resignation of the former chair, Sir George Reid.

Schedule 1 to the Measure makes provision for the appointment of members to the Remuneration Board and sets out eligibility criteria. The list of those disqualified currently includes members of the Assembly, the Scottish Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the European Parliament and the Houses of Commons and Lords. Persons who were members of either of the panels appointed by the Assembly Commission to review the pay and allowances of Assembly Members in pursuance of the Assembly Commission's resolutions of 4 July 2007 and 8 May 2008 are also disqualified.

These disqualifications have been a significant obstacle in identifying eligible candidates who have the right mix of experience and personal skills.

The Measure makes provision for alterations to be made to the Schedule listing those disqualified from membership of the Board. If the Assembly resolves to make changes to the Schedule, then the Counsel General is required by the Measure to make an Order to do so. The Order must change the Schedule in the way the Assembly has resolved, and only in that way; in other words, the Counsel General does not have the discretion to make other changes to the disqualification provisions.

In this motion, the Assembly Commission proposes that Schedule 1 to the Measure be amended to widen the field of candidates with appropriate experience; most notably, by removing the bar on members of the House of Lords sitting on the Board.

In accordance with Schedule 2 of the Measure the Clerk of the Assembly must make arrangements for the recruitment and appointment of members of the Remuneration Board. In that process, she will make clear that it is open to serving Members of the European Parliament, the House of Commons and the other devolved legislatures to apply, but that, if they are successful, their appointment to the Board will be conditional upon them having left the relevant legislature. It will of course also be open to persons who have not been members of any UK legislature, or the European Parliament, to apply.

The motion does not propose to remove the bar on Assembly Members being appointed to the Remuneration Board.

March 2014



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Communities, Equality and Local Government  
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**Jocelyn Davies AM**  
**Chair, Interview Panel**  
**Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**

1 April 2014

Dear Jocelyn

**Office of Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: nomination of Mr Nicholas Bennett**

As you will be aware, the Committee held a public meeting yesterday afternoon to take evidence from Mr Nicholas Bennett, the Panel's preferred candidate for nomination to the office of Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. A transcript of the meeting will be available in due course.

The Committee agreed that Mr Bennett has the experience and qualifications needed for the position, and that his clear vision for the role and impressive track record will enable him to make a valuable contribution to the office of Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. On this basis, the Committee is happy to endorse Mr Bennett's nomination.

Yours sincerely

**Christine Chapman AC / AM**  
**Cadeirydd / Chair**