

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 30 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 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 (0 mins)**

### **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5493 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the recommendations of the recent Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee report into Wales' role in the EU decision-making process.
2. Further notes that European Structural Funding is awarded to regions with a GDP of less than 75% of the European Union average and regrets that West Wales and the

Valleys has qualified for a third round of funding.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that EU-funded schemes are more comprehensively, and more regularly, updated through WEFO.

4. Regrets the dramatic failure of high-profile projects including Genesis 2 Cymru.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the funding for the 2014–2020 period is utilised effectively to ensure that Wales does not qualify for a fourth round.

The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee report into Wales' role in the EU decision-making process is available at:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-business-fourth-assembly-laid-docs/cr-ld9674-e.pdf>

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the importance of the UK's continued membership of the European Union to make Wales a more prosperous, sustainable and secure place.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that UK withdrawal from the European Union would end Wales' role in the EU decision making process and be detrimental to the economy.

**Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) work at European level to strengthen the role of the Committee of the Regions;  
and

b) seek a greater voice for Wales in the European institutions

### **5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5494 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the positive economic and social impact the pub has on local communities.
2. Further notes the impressive work being done by schemes such as Pub is the Hub, across Wales and England, in ensuring pubs can become more community focused.
3. Recognises the case studies by campaign groups, such as Pub is the Hub and the Campaign for Real Ale, as important studies to learn from.
4. Regrets the recent Campaign for Real Ale statistics that suggest three pubs are closing a week in Wales.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to work more effectively with the pub industry in Wales to ensure the continued success of Welsh pubs.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to create a community enterprise fund for community buyouts of pubs facing closure.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to explore the potential of supporting community

pubs through the use of business rate relief powers.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to change the planning system so that no pub can be demolished or undergo a change of use without planning permission.

### **Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to create a separate use class for community pubs.

### **6 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

#### **NDM5495 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the youth unemployment rate stands at 21.3% – the highest level of all the four UK nations;
2. Regrets that long-term youth unemployment has quadrupled since the current Welsh Government took office;
3. Recognises the value of young people to the Welsh economy; and
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to take immediate steps to enhance the economic prospects of young people.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

In point 3, after ‘economy’ insert ‘and regrets that only 60% of employed, full-time, first-degree graduates from Welsh HEIs remained in Wales for employment six months after graduation’.

*[The Presiding Officer has not selected amendment 2 for debate]*

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

Delete point 3 and re-insert as new point 1 and renumber accordingly.

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

In point 4 delete ‘take immediate steps’ and replace with ‘work jointly with the UK Government’.

**Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to collect improved data in order to inform evidence-based policies to better match training opportunities and graduates in Wales.

**Voting Time**

**7 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5488 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)**

200,000 silent children?

Considering the needs of children affected by parental imprisonment.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 May 2014

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# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 23 April 2014 for answer on 30 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 Natural Resources and Food

1. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the Minister make a statement on the benefits of contour forestation? OAQ(4)0141(NRF)

2. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** How does the Welsh Government encourage communities to make applications to register land as a village green? OAQ(4)0143(NRF)

3. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support farmers in Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)0139(NRF)

4. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister update the Assembly on the fund set up to prevent the decline in biodiversity in Wales? OAQ(4)0144(NRF)W

5. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What discussions does the Minister have with Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water? OAQ(4)0145(NRF)

6. **Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister provide an update on his plans to promote Welsh food and drink? OAQ(4)0151(NRF)W

7. **Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister update the Assembly on the implementation of the Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014? OAQ(4)0142(NRF) **WITHDRAWN**

**8. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on permits for mussel fishing? OAQ(4)0146(NRF)W

**9. David Rees (Aberavon):** What analysis has the Welsh Government undertaken on unconventional gas deposits in Wales?  
OAQ(4)0137(NRF) WITHDRAWN

**10. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's statutory responsibilities under the Commons Act 2006? OAQ(4)0148(NRF)

**11. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What action will the Welsh Government take in 2014 to help new entrants into the farming industry? OAQ(4)0135(NRF)

**12. Dafydd Elis Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** Will the Minister make a statement on any decision he has made following his recent consultation on the Rural Development Programme?  
OAQ(4)0140(NRF)W

**13. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the role of Natural Resources Wales in protecting the natural environment, particularly when planning applications threaten it? OAQ(4)0150(NRF)

**14. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** What discussions has the Minister had regarding the proposed tidal lagoon in Swansea?  
OAQ(4)0138(NRF)

**15. David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the efforts of Natural Resources Wales to address the Phytophthora Ramorum disease? OAQ(4)0136(NRF) WITHDRAWN

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

**1. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister outline his policies to support high street regeneration? OAQ(4)0385(HR)

**2. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister provide an update on when the Welsh Government will be responding to the recommendations made by the Welfare Reform Task and Finish Group? OAQ(4)0389(HR)

**3. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** Does the Minister have any plans to increase the minimum period for which an assured short hold tenancy must be granted? OAQ(4)0391(HR)

**4. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on regeneration opportunities for the private sector? OAQ(4)0384(HR)

**5. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities regarding incomplete housing estate developments? OAQ(4)0392(HR)

**6. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** How is the Welsh Government supporting young homeless people? OAQ(4)0394(HR) **WITHDRAWN**

**7. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of regeneration projects in South Wales Central? OAQ(4)0390(HR)

**8. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Rural Housing Enablers scheme in Wales? OAQ(4)0379(HR)

**9. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister indicate what controls the Welsh Government is able to exercise over a local authority to ensure the appropriate completion of housing developments? OAQ(4)0378(HR) **WITHDRAWN**

**10. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** What discussions has the Minister had with the construction industry in preparation for the commencement

of the Domestic Fire Safety (Wales) Measure 2011? OAQ(4)0386(HR)  
**WITHDRAWN**

**11. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the success of the empty homes strategy? OAQ(4)0376(HR)

**12. Julie James (Swansea West):** What plans does the Minister have to improve the advertising regulations of HMOs? OAQ(4)0393(HR)

**13. Dafydd Elis Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** When does the Minister intend to publish the complete text of the Planning Bill following the 'Positive Planning' white paper? OAQ(4)0383(HR)W

**14. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the adequacy of the planning system in relation to flood risk management? OAQ(4)0381(HR)

**15. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government can ensure Registered Social Landlords meet the needs of their communities? OAQ(4)0388(HR)

### **To ask the Counsel General**

**1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Counsel General make a statement on his duties in representing the Welsh Government in legal proceedings? OAQ(4)0061(CG)W **WITHDRAWN**