

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 14 May 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 Finance (45 mins)**

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**2 Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Government Business (45 mins)**

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**3 Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)**

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**4 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)**

**NNDM5502**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West)**

## **Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the proposal within the Welsh Government's consultation on proposals for a Public Health Bill to ban the use of electronic cigarettes in enclosed public places and places of work in Wales.
2. Notes that an estimated 2.1 million adults in the UK currently use electronic cigarettes.
3. Notes that public health guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence 'Tobacco: harm-reduction approaches to smoking' supports the use of licenced nicotine containing products to aid people in cutting down or quitting smoking.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward the evidence behind the proposals on electronic cigarettes, to provide clarity on the justification for these proposals within the Public Health Bill.

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

### **NDM5504 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that a mixed-use high street and appropriate night-time economy is key to ensuring the survival of the Welsh high-street;
2. Notes the link between tourism, heritage and regeneration;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that there is a joined up approach to regeneration between local authorities, business improvement districts and development projects.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

In point 3, after 'local authorities,' insert 'public bodies,'.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to enable local authorities to retain a proportion of business rates to incentivise economic growth and local regeneration projects.

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

#### **NDM5505 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the UK Government's intention to develop the HS2 high-speed rail network in England.
2. Recognises that the development of HS2 is predicted to have an overall negative impact on the economy of Wales.
3. Regrets that, to date, it has not been confirmed that Wales will receive any further additional resource through the Barnett formula as a result of UK Government expenditure on HS2.
4. Notes the critical importance of transport infrastructure investment for the future prospects of the Welsh economy.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to secure full Barnett consequentials, or any other fair financial settlement, from the development of HS2.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

In point 2, delete all after 'Recognises' and replace with:

'the opportunities that HS2 represents in strengthening the business case for electrification of the north Wales line.'

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Welcomes the significant investment in the electrification of the Great Western Main Line.

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

Delete points 4 and 5 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to honour its agreement with the UK Government to work in partnership to deliver electrification of the south Wales lines.

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

Insert as new point 5 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the increase in the UK's rail capacity from the development of HS2 which will enable more freight movement to be achieved by rail across the UK.

**Voting Time**

**7 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5503 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)**

Wales' National Parks: Returning to their roots to plan for a stronger future

Revisiting the motivation for designating the three Welsh National Parks will enable us to assess their relevance to twenty first century Wales. Balancing the local interest and national significance will be critical to their future.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 20 May 2014

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 7 May 2014 for answer on 14 May 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 Finance

1. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**: Will the Minister make a statement on financing capital projects in Wales? OAQ(4)0395(FIN)
2. **Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy)**: Will the Minister make a statement on medium term financial planning arrangements within the Welsh Government finance portfolio? OAQ(4)0407(FIN)
3. **Julie James (Swansea West)**: Will the Minister make a statement on the use of Invest–to–Save funding to improve efficiency in public services? OAQ(4)0411(FIN)
4. **Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)**: Will the Minister provide an update on her discussions with EU officials regarding EU funding 2014–20? OAQ(4)0399(FIN)
5. **Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)**: Will the Minister make a statement on capital investment in the Môn and Menai area? OAQ(4)0409(FIN)W
6. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**: What discussions has the Minister held with the UK Government regarding funding for major infrastructure projects? OAQ(4)0406(FIN)W
7. **Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy)**: Will the Minister make a statement on the budget allocation to the Housing and Regeneration portfolio? OAQ(4)0408(FIN)

**8. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What recent meetings has the Minister had with the UK Government Treasury Ministers to discuss the devolution of financial powers to Wales? OAQ(4)0404(FIN)

**9. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the funding of capital projects in the Welsh NHS? OAQ(4)0405(FIN)

**10. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the minister outline her main considerations when allocating the budget to the Housing and Regeneration portfolio? OAQ(4)0396(FIN)

**11. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on governance arrangements for grant-receiving bodies in Wales? OAQ(4)0397(FIN)

**12. Leighton Andrews (Rhondda):** Will the Minister make a statement on her review of economic indicators? OAQ(4)0398(FIN)

**13. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on invest-to-save funding in Islwyn? OAQ(4)0400(FIN)

**14. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the funding of the Welsh Government's priorities for South Wales Central contained within the Programme for Government? OAQ(4)0410(FIN)

**15. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the overall funding allocation to the Education and Skills portfolio? OAQ(4)0403(FIN)

## **To ask the Minister for Local Government and Government Business**

**1. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister provide an update on her key priorities for local government? OAQ(4)0415(LG)

**2. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Does the Welsh Government have any intention to revise the council tax system in Wales? OAQ(4)0423(LG)W

**3. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the funding of CCTV programmes by local authorities?  
OAQ(4)0412(LG)W

**4. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the organisation of Fire and Rescue Services in west Wales?  
OAQ(4)0410(LG)

**5. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the performance of services provided by local authorities?  
OAQ(4)0418(LG)W

**6. Janet Finch Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the live streaming/webcasting initiative of council proceedings in Wales? OAQ(4)0419(LG)

**7. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on translation resources for community councils? OAQ(4)0422(LG)W

**8. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** What recent assessment has the Minister made of local authority performance? OAQ(4)0420(LG)

**9. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister provide an update on discussions she has had with Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority? OAQ(4)0421(LG)

**10. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What progress is the Minister making in reducing the incidence of domestic abuse in Wales? OAQ(4)0416(LG)

**11. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the accessibility of local authority meetings?  
OAQ(4)0417(LG)

**12. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on pay arrangements for local authority staff in Wales?  
OAQ(4)0411(LG)

**13. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister provide an update on progress towards the introduction of a Welsh veteran card scheme?  
OAQ(4)0409(LG)

**14. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of local government services in North Wales?  
OAQ(4)0414(LG)

**15. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of local public services in South Wales West?  
OAQ(4)0413(LG)

### **To ask the Assembly Commission**

**1. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Commission make a statement on the blocking of internet sites accessed via Assembly computers?  
OAQ(4)0080(AC)