

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 21 May 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda

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

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

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### **3 Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Report on Participation Levels in Sport (60 mins)**

**NDM5509 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee into Participation Levels in Sport, which was laid in the Table Office on 13 March 2014.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was laid on 14 May 2014.

## Supporting Documents

[Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Report  
Welsh Government's Response](#)

### **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins) NDM5512 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Welsh Labour's policy failures during 15 years in government in Wales;
2. Regrets the lack of performance in:
  - a) The economy, with gross value added (GVA) now at 72.3% of the UK average;
  - b) Education, where Wales' standing in the PISA rankings has declined in each assessment period;
  - c) The NHS, with one person in seven in Wales on a waiting list

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to learn from the success of the Scottish Government in improving economic growth and public service delivery in a devolved context.

### **5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins) NDM5511 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that parts of the south Wales valleys continue to experience high levels of

deprivation.

2. Recognises that tackling poverty in the Valleys requires sustained investment and Welsh Government intervention.

3. Notes the significant potential for the south Wales valleys to promote their social and cultural heritage.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) directly support grass roots initiatives to tackle poverty and improve regeneration of the deprived Valleys areas;

b) ensure there is enough affordable child care to meet parents' needs;

c) ensure every person out of work in the Valleys has access to an apprenticeship or skills training;

d) develop, through public consultation, a comprehensive strategy to tackle the problems and build sustainable communities in the Valleys.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Insert as new point 1 and re-number accordingly:

1. Acknowledges the impact that UK Government economic policy has had on the south Wales valleys in:

a) stabilising the economy and promoting economic growth;

b) giving employers the confidence to increase employment opportunities;

c) supporting the creation of wealth that will fund and sustain public service provision.

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

In point 3 after 'cultural heritage' insert:

'and condemns mismanagement which has led to the closure of important centres of significant social and cultural value in those areas'.

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

Insert as new sub-point 4a) and renumber accordingly:

co-ordinate the public and private sectors and civil society in the south Wales valleys to ensure that those areas realise the maximum potential of the Wales' economic growth.

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

Insert as new sub-point 4d) and renumber accordingly:

'encourage local authorities in the Valleys to use powers under the Localism Act 2011 to designate Assets of Community Value and protect important buildings from the threat of closure.'

### **Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of Motion:

Regrets that West Wales and the Valleys have qualified for three rounds of EU structural funding based on having less than 75% of EU GDP.

## **Voting Time**

**6 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5513 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Screening for Dyslexia in Wales

The importance of timely and adequate screening for dyslexia in Wales, particularly with regard to recently-developed techniques for screening primary school children

being taught through the medium of Welsh.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 June 2014

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 14 May 2014 for answer on 21 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 Economy, Science and Transport

1. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What arrangements will the Welsh Government make for the four per cent of people who will not receive fast fibre broadband? OAQ(4)0418(EST)W

2. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What estimated economic benefits do major events bring to Wales? OAQ(4)0416(EST)

3. **William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government strategy for maximising the economic opportunities arising from the NATO Summit, for the promotion of Wales? OAQ(4)0419(EST)

4. **Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government efforts to support manufacturing in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0422(EST)

5. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** What is the Welsh Government doing to support and promote integrated transport in the Vale of Clwyd? OAQ(4)0415(EST)

6. **Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government efforts to re-establish a direct rail service between North Wales and Liverpool? OAQ(4)0413(EST)

- 7. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the development of the Sirolli project in Powys?**  
OAQ(4)0423(EST)
- 8. Peter Black (South Wales West):** What discussions has the Minister had with local councils regarding the operation of the blue badge scheme? OAQ(4)0411(EST)
- 9. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the economic investment opportunities available through European funding? OAQ(4)0420(EST)
- 10. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** How is the Welsh Government responding to the needs of businesses in Montgomeryshire for more flexible business units? OAQ(4)0424(EST)
- 11. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Swansea Bay City Region scheme?  
OAQ(4)0414(EST)
- 12. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on the task force on modernising the north Wales rail network?  
OAQ(4)0425(EST)W
- 13. Leighton Andrews (Rhondda):** What was the total investment by Visit Wales in the Cardiff City Stadium for the 2013–14 season?  
OAQ(4)0412(EST)
- 14. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the electrification of the railway lines in Wales?  
OAQ(4)0417(EST)
- 15. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister make a statement on her priorities for boosting economic growth? OAQ(4)0421(EST)

**To ask the Minister for Education and Skills**

- 1. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's guidance to local authorities on changes to school catchment areas? OAQ(4)0425(ESK)
  
- 2. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the role of the arts in schools? OAQ(4)0424(ESK)W
  
- 3. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** What is the Welsh Government doing to tackle bullying in Welsh schools? OAQ(4)0418(ESK)
  
- 4. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the Minister make a statement on secondary education services provided by Denbighshire County Council? OAQ(4)0419(ESK)
  
- 5. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to promote apprenticeship opportunities for young people in Wales? OAQ(4)0422(ESK)
  
- 6. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the use of the Cadet Vocational Qualifications in Welsh schools? OAQ(4)0417(ESK)
  
- 7. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the Technocamps in Wales? OAQ(4)0421(ESK)
  
- 8. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the school banding system? OAQ(4)0420(ESK)W
  
- 9. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What is the Welsh Government doing to improve educational opportunities for young people from the Cynon Valley? OAQ(4)0423(ESK)
  
- 10. Leanne Wood (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister outline his plans to raise standards in the classroom? OAQ(4)0431(ESK)

**11. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on his key priorities for education in west Wales?  
OAQ(4)0415(ESK)

**12. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on efforts to support pupils who experience stress relating to exams? OAQ(4)0427(ESK)

**13. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister confirm what progress has been made in ensuring that all education institutions in Wales are ready for the roll out of the new curriculum in September 2015? OAQ(4)0432(ESK)

**14. William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of post 16 education in Torfaen?  
OAQ(4)0426(ESK)

**15. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is improving educational standards in Montgomeryshire? OAQ(4)0428(ESK)