

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 11 June 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 Health and Social Services (45 mins)**

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

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### **3 Questions to the Counsel General (20 mins)**

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### **4 Debate on the Queen's Speech (120 mins)**

**NDM5522 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2014/2015.

UK Government's legislative programme:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/queens-speech-2014>

**Supporting documents:**

[Secretary of State's Written Statement](#)

[Queen's Speech Bills Handout provided by the Wales Office, June 2014](#)

[Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Government Business](#)

[Research Service paper](#)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the model of income tax devolution proposed for Wales, in the Wales Bill, is constrained by the so-called “lock-step” mechanism.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the lack of proposals in the UK Government's legislative programme to progress any of the areas of further devolution recommended by the second report of the Commission on Devolution in Wales.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the UK Government's legislative programme should have included legislation to rebalance the UK economy in a way that tackles regional inequalities and promotes economic fairness.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that the UK Government's legislative programme will continue to build a stronger economy and a fairer society.

#### **Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the announcement in the UK Government's legislative programme on tax-free childcare which will mean that around 83,600 families in Wales will benefit from £2,000 off the cost of their childcare.

#### **Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that the Serious Crimes Bill, following the campaign by Welsh Liberal Democrat MP for Ceredigion Mark Williams, will include provision to make it explicit that cruelty which is likely to cause psychological harm to a child is an offence.

#### **Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the revolutionary pension reforms proposed by Liberal Democrat Minister Steve Webb to be contained in the Private Pensions Bill, which will give people both freedom and security in retirement.

#### **Amendment 8 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that the Draft Governance of National Parks (England) & the Broads Bill will contain provisions for direct elections to National Park authorities in England, following campaigning by Welsh Liberal Democrat MP for Brecon and Radnorshire Roger Williams, and calls on the Welsh Government to implement similar reforms in Wales.

### **Amendment 9 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the continued commitment of the UK Government, as outlined in the legislative programme, to restore financial well-being to the UK.

### **Amendment 10 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes the Bills contained within the UK Government's legislative programme will secure a better and brighter future for the people of Wales.

### **Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that the UK Government's legislative programme will implement key measures to increase further the personal allowance to £10,500, building on the Liberal Democrat 2010 general election manifesto commitment to raise the income tax threshold to £10,000.

**In accordance with Standing Order 11.15 (i) the Business Committee decided that any vote necessary would take place at the end of the debate.**

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

#### **NDM5524 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Supports Carers Week 2014 which recognises and celebrates the contribution of more than 370,000 unpaid carers in Wales, who provide invaluable support to family members and friends.
2. Notes the growing evidence on the incredibly demanding role of caring, which can have an adverse impact on the health, employment opportunities, social and leisure

activities of those providing unpaid care.

3. Notes the findings of the 2013 'Prepared to Care?' report which found that 75 per cent of carers were unprepared for a caring role and 81 per cent were not aware of the support available, which often leaves carers feeling vulnerable and isolated.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) support an awareness campaign to encourage self-identification and access to support and improve public understanding of the role of carers;

b) develop information for employers to support workers seeking to balance their work and caring roles; and

c) work with education providers to provide more flexible provision to enable carers of all ages to access opportunities for education and training.

The 'Prepared to Care?' report can be found here:

[http://www.carersweek.org/media/k2/attachments/Prepared\\_to\\_Care\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.carersweek.org/media/k2/attachments/Prepared_to_Care_FINAL.pdf)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Insert as new point 2 and re-number accordingly:

Notes that there are 11,000 children who are carers.

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

Insert as new point 4 and re-number accordingly:

Notes that the 'Prepared to Care?' report identified the financial difficulties that face carers, and regrets that changes to social security entitlements have adversely affected carers and their families.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the importance of respite to carers and calls upon the Welsh Government to take action to establish a carers' right to respite.

## **Voting Time**

**6 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5523 Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)**

Devolution: A Driver of Innovation

How devolution has provided the opportunity for innovative measures to be developed in Wales and how such innovations have influenced the rest of the UK.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 June 2014