

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 24 September 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

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National
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Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

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

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3 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5570 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes calls from the British Medical Association for a full-scale independent investigation into Welsh NHS services and calls upon the Welsh Government to commission such an investigation as soon as possible.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the BMA's concerns over the Welsh Government's inability to recruit and retain an adequate NHS medical workforce.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the UK Government's continuing cuts to public spending and the impact on investment in our NHS.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the BMA's call for consideration of safe and minimum staffing levels across primary, secondary and community care.

4 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5571 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that, following Scotland's independence referendum, relations between the nations of these islands must change;
2. Believes that the people of Wales are sovereign and it is they who should decide the nature and pace of constitutional development in this country; and
3. Calls on the First Minister to immediately begin discussions with the UK Government to facilitate a transfer of responsibility over functions to Wales, in order to rebalance powers between the nations.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):

Delete all and replace with:

Warmly welcomes Scotland's unequivocal decision to vote against independence and looks forward to working with all parts of the United Kingdom in forging a stronger union for the future.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan), Aled Roberts (North Wales):

Delete all and replace with:

1. Welcomes that the Scottish people have chosen to remain a member of the family of nations that is the United Kingdom;
2. Believes that we must promote a new union for all the people of the UK, including Wales; and
3. Calls for the swift implementation of Parts 1 and 2 of the Commission on Devolution in Wales and the establishment of a UK-wide constitutional convention to draft a plan for a new union.

The Part 1 report of the Commission on Devolution in Wales can be found on the following link:

[http://commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/files/2013/01/English-
WEB-main-report1.pdf](http://commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/files/2013/01/English-
WEB-main-report1.pdf)

The Part 2 report of the Commission on Devolution in Wales can be found on the following link:

<http://commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/files/2014/03/Empowerment-Responsibility-Legislative-Powers-to-strengthen-Wales.pdf>

**5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)
NDM5574 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes that 16 and 17 year olds were able to vote in the recent Scottish independence referendum, which was the first time they have had the right to do so in a major ballot in the United Kingdom;
2. Recognises the importance of empowering young people in Wales to engage in politics and contribute their views and ideas to help shape the communities in which they live;
3. Notes the Electoral Commission 2014 report which found that 49% of 16–17 year olds in the UK are not registered to vote and believes that more needs to be done to encourage the participation of young people in democracy; and
4. Welcomes the steps proposed in the Voter Registration Bill, which aims to increase the participation of young people in politics by empowering electoral registration officers in Wales to improve data sharing and increase the number of people registered from underrepresented groups.

The report 'The quality of the 2014 electoral registers in Great Britain' can be found here:

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/169889/Completeness-and-accuracy-of-the-2014-electoral-registers-in-Great-Britain.pdf

The Voter Registration Bill [HL] 2014–15 can be found here:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/voterregistration.html>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the work Funky Dragon has done over many years to increase young person participation in politics and believes the Welsh Government should reinstate

this funding.

Voting Time

6 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5573 Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)

Quality of access – the importance of childcare in allowing low income or lone parent families to access the workplace

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 30 September 2014

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 17 September 2014 for answer on 24 September 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

- 1. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** Will the Minister provide an update on the progress being made in Wales to control bovine TB?
OAQ(4)0189(NR)
- 2. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on farm income levels in Wales? OAQ(4)0190(NR)R
- 3. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister make a statement on the extraction of Wales's natural resources? OAQ(4)0195(NR)
- 4. David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's policy in relation to energy from unconventional gas sources? OAQ(4)0194(NR)
- 5. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the development of anaerobic digestion in Wales?
OAQ(4)0191(NR)
- 6. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister outline what progress is being made in dealing with Himalayan balsam? OAQ(4)0183(NR)
- 7. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to support renewable energy generation in Wales?
OAQ(4)0184(NR)
- 8. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the future of national parks? OAQ(4)0185(NR)
- 9. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement regarding the implementation of the Glastir scheme?
OAQ(4)0198(NR)
- 10. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on any discussions either he or his officials have had regarding the

feasibility of energy generation from tidal lagoons in north Wales?
OAQ(4)188(NR)

11. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve air quality in Wales? OAQ(4)0193(NR)

12. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's position in regard to the use of snares in Wales? OAQ(4)0192(NR)

13. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's Action Plan for Pollinators? OAQ(4)0197(NR)

14. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the relationship between Natural Resources Wales and local authorities? OAQ(4)0187(NR)

15. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's carbon emissions reduction targets? OAQ(4)0200(NR)W

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

1. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's policies on childcare in North Wales? OAQ(4)0226(CTP)

2. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Minister have to support the needs of Gypsies and Travellers in Wales? OAQ(4)221(CTP)

3. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on the number of people in Wales who do not have access to a basic bank account? OAQ(4)0224(CTP)

4. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's work to promote credit unions? OAQ(4)0225(CTP)

5. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister provide an update on the expansion of Flying Start? OAQ(4)0211(CTP)

6. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on improving childcare across west Wales? OAQ(4)0212(CTP)

7. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): What action is the Welsh Government taking to encourage volunteering in the south Wales valleys? OAQ(4)0215(CTP)

8. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister outline measures that the Welsh Government is taking to aid older people living in poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)0217(CTP)

9. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Minister have to support the Post Office network? OAQ(4)0220(CTP)

10. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the scale of problem debt faced by families in Wales? OAQ(4)0222(CTP)

11. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister make a statement on progress towards the Welsh Government's strategy to eradicate child poverty? OAQ(4)0219(CTP)

12. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on regeneration projects in the Vale of Clwyd? OAQ(4)0214(CTP)

13. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of gender pay inequality on poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)0213(CTP)

14. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): will the Minister provide an update on what the Welsh Government is doing to promote financial inclusion? OAQ(4)0216(CTP)

15. David Rees (Aberavon): What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Finance and Government Business in relation to budget allocations to the third sector? OAQ(4)0218(CTP)