

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 14 October 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

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Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)

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

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

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3 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

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4 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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5 Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Town Centre Regeneration (30 mins)

6 The Town and Country Planning (Determination of Procedure) (Wales) Order 2014 (15 mins)

NDM5598 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Town and Country Planning (Determination of Procedure) (Wales) Order 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 22 September 2014.

Supporting Documents

[The Town and Country Planning \(Determination of Procedure\) \(Wales\) Order 2014 Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#) – *no reporting points*

7 Debate on the General Principles of the Higher Education (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

NDM5597 Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Higher Education (Wales) Bill

The Higher Education (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 19 May 2014;

The report of Children, Young People and Education Committee on the Higher Education (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 3 October 2014.

Supporting Documents

[Higher Education \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Children, Young People and Education Committee Report](#)
[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report](#)

8 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Higher Education (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

NDM5596 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Higher Education (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

9 Debate: The Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Annual Report 2013–14 (60 mins)

NDM5595 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose the National Assembly of Wales:

Notes the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Annual Review 'Protecting and Promoting Equality and Human Rights'.

A copy of the report can be accessed using the attached link:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/publication/protecting-and-promoting-equality-and-human-rights-wales>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Modern Slavery Bill introduced in the House of Commons on 10 June 2014 which proposes bringing in tougher penalties for human traffickers and which aims to enhance protection for victims.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the fact that forcing someone to marry against their will is now a criminal offence.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure each school has a trained member of staff with the expertise to recognise children who show signs of having witnessed domestic abuse.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Requests the Welsh Government to take action to stop the practice of Female Genital Mutilation.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that little progress has been made in getting women into positions of power and influence in Wales in the last ten years.

Amendment 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that continuing to be a signatory to the European Convention of Human Rights is in the interests of Wales.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the fundamental role that the Human Rights Act & the European

Convention on Human Rights play in protecting and promoting equality and human rights in Wales.

10 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 21 October 2014

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 9 October 2014 for answer on 14 October 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)

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To ask the First Minister

1. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What discussions has the First Minister had with the Prime Minister about further devolution to Wales?

OAQ(4)1901(FM)

2. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister outline his priorities for improving health outcomes in South Wales Central over the next twelve months? OAQ(4)1900(FM)

3. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the First Minister provide an update on Welsh Government investment to detect diabetes-related eye damage?

OAQ(4)1902(FM)

4. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Ystalyfera Cluster Schools' 'Tanio'r Ddraig' language charter?

OAQ(4)1892(FM)W

5. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the First Minister make a statement on funding for research and development in Wales for the remainder of this Assembly term? OAQ(4)1899(FM)

6. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What action will the Welsh Government take to improve ambulance response times in South Wales East before the onset of winter pressures? OAQ(4)1885(FM)

- 7. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the need to change the current NUTS2 and NUTS3 boundaries? OAQ(4)1890(FM)
- 8. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the impact on Wales of the UK Government's decision to cut the Independent Living Fund? OAQ(4)1891(FM)
- 9. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the agenda to provide better public services in Anglesey? OAQ(4)1903(FM)W
- 10. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the First Minister make a statement on how local government budget cuts will affect Welsh people? OAQ(4)1897(FM)
- 11. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on healthcare provision for people with neuroendocrine tumours living in South Wales West? OAQ(4)1887(FM)
- 12. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What discussions has the First Minister had about including language assessments within the Planning Bill? OAQ(4)1896(FM)W
- 13. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on access to GP surgeries in Wales? OAQ(4)1895(FM)
- 14. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government funding for public services in Wales? OAQ(4)1886(FM)
- 15. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's support for local high streets? OAQ(4)1893(FM)

Agenda Item 2

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 7 October 2014 for answer on 14 October 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 Education and Skills

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

- 1. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What assessment has the Minister made of the provision of places on apprenticeship schemes in Wales during 2015/16? OAQ(4)0486(ESK)
- 2. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline the provision of services for children with special educational needs in Wales? OAQ(4)0483(ESK)
- 3. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister detail his investment priorities in education in light of the recent budget agreement? OAQ(4)0482(ESK)
- 4. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement outlining plans to improve the quality of children’s education in Wales? OAQ(4)0484(ESK)
- 5. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on religious education in Welsh schools? OAQ(4)0474(ESK)
- 6. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** What assessment has the Minister made of the relationship between Jobs Growth Wales and UK Government work programmes? OAQ(4)0487(ESK)
- 7. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What discussions has the Minister had regarding the development of veterinary schools in Wales? OAQ(4)0476(ESK)W
- 8. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is evaluating the Pupil Deprivation Grant? OAQ(4)0471(ESK)

9. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister provide an update on plans for post-16 education provision in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0481(ESK)

10. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): What discussions has the Minister had with regard to the expansion of Welsh-medium education? OAQ(4)0478(ESK)

11. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on improving Welsh-medium education in Wales? OAQ(4)0472(ESK)

12. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on improving schools in west Wales? OAQ(4)0473(ESK)

13. John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on physical education in our schools? OAQ(4)0477(ESK)

14. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the University of Edinburgh evaluation report? OAQ(4)0479(ESK)W

15. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on funding for apprenticeships for those aged over 25? OAQ(4)0470(ESK)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

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

1. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's targets for GVA in Wales by 2016? OAQ(4)0472(EST)

2. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on expenditure on roads in North Wales? OAQ(4)0473(EST)W

3. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What action will the Welsh Government take to increase support for small businesses in Wales by the end of 2014? OAQ(4)0458(EST)

- 4. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister provide an update on improvements to train stations to the west of Cardiff?
OAQ(4)0465(EST)W
- 5. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement on the roadworks currently being undertaken to improve the A55? OAQ(4)0471(EST)
- 6. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** How will Cardiff benefit from the budget allocated to implement the Active Travel (Wales) Act?
OAQ(4)0468(EST)
- 7. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the Minister provide an update on plans to reopen the train station in Bow Street, between Aberystwyth and Machynlleth? OAQ(4)0460(EST)W
- 8. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the M4 Junction 41 pilot scheme? OAQ(4)0463(EST)
- 9. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly):** Will the Minister make a statement on the aerospace industry in Wales? OAQ(4)0461(EST)
- 10. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on public transport provision in South Wales Central?
OAQ(4)0464(EST)
- 11. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister make a statement on developing the economy of the Swansea Bay city region?
OAQ(4)0462(EST)
- 12. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the closure of the Cwmcarn Forest Drive road on businesses in Islwyn? OAQ(4)0466(EST) **Transferred for written answer by the Minister for Natural Resources**
- 13. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** What discussions has the Minister had on developing a not–for–profit rail franchise? OAQ(4)0470(EST)
- 14. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Heritage Bill? OAQ(4)0467(EST) **WITHDRAWN**

15. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that UK Government policies have had on the Welsh economy?
OAQ(4)0469(EST)

Agenda Item 4

Business Statement and Announcement

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Tuesday 21 October 2014 and Wednesday 22 October 2014

Recess: Monday 27 October 2014 – Sunday 2 November 2014

Tuesday 4 November 2014 and Wednesday 5 November 2014

Tuesday 11 November 2014 and Wednesday 12 November 2014

Tuesday 21 October 2014

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Public Services Staff Commission (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: Climate Change Policy Refresh (45 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food: TB Compensation – The Next Steps (30 mins)
- Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill (15 mins)
- Debate: Future of Devolution for Wales (60 mins)

Assembly Business

- Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Annual Report (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Aled Roberts (North Wales) (30 mins)

Wednesday 22 October 2014

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Welsh Government Proposals for the M4 around Newport (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Lynne Neagle (Torfaen) (30 mins)

Tuesday 4 November 2014

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: Performance on Recycling (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: The Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report 2013–14 (30 mins)
- Debate: The Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report 2013–14 (60 mins)

Wednesday 5 November 2014

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)

Assembly Business

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report on the Inquiry into Disqualification from Membership of the National Assembly for Wales (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Mike Hedges (Swansea East) (30 mins)

Tuesday 11 November 2014

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism: Baroness Andrews' Report "Culture and Poverty" – Response by the Welsh Government (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Housing Supply (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Update on the Review of Trunk Road Agents (30 mins)
- Debate: Support for the Armed Forces Community in Wales (60 mins)

Wednesday 12 November 2014

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Public Services (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire) (30 mins)