

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 22 October 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

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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 Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Welsh Government Proposals for the M4 around Newport (60 mins)

NDM5601 Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its Inquiry into Welsh Government Proposals for the M4 around Newport, which was laid in the Table

Office on 21 July 2014.

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

Supporting Documents

[Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report](#)
[Welsh Government's Response](#)

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)
NDM5604 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that despite the additional funding for apprenticeships in the past two budget deals, in-year cuts of £10.7million has left learning providers in limbo.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to clarify the number of apprenticeships created since 2011.
3. Further calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the final study of Jobs Growth Wales' terms of reference will include an evaluation of the skills acquired by participants.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Welcomes the Welsh Liberal Democrat and Welsh Government budget announcement of an additional £10m to deliver around 5,000 new apprenticeships over the coming two years.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the significant and positive impact on young people of the 2013/14 budget agreement between Plaid Cymru and the Welsh Government and regrets the Government's decision to row backwards and cut the Young Recruits Programme.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)
NDM5606 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the increasingly difficult economic conditions for farmers;
2. Regrets the Welsh Government's decision to transfer the maximum 15% from pillar 1 to pillar 2 of the Common Agriculture Policy.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) accelerate its efforts to reduce red tape within the industry;
 - b) take practical and swift action to support the red meat and dairy sectors in Wales;
and
 - c) introduce a dedicated Area of Natural Constraint scheme to help those farming in the most challenging conditions.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the high-age profile of Welsh farmers and calls on the Welsh Government to take steps to improve succession planning & shared farming.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the lack of a dedicated Area of Natural Constraint scheme as part of the Rural Development Plan, a decision which has its roots in choices made by the One Wales Government.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the Welsh Government's decision to cut the Agriculture and Food budget by 17.8% and the Animal Health budget by 20.7% in the Draft Budget 2015–16.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to reinstate a dedicated Cabinet level post for Agriculture and Food.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the National Assembly for Wales to support a voluntary code of practice for supermarkets to dedicate a prominent section of floor space for high quality Welsh PGI status and British Red Tractor meat.

Amendment 6 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that a North Wales based beef and lamb abattoir would ensure the long term sustainability of red meat production in North Wales.

Amendment 7 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to reform the meat promotional levy to ensure that the levy is payable to the country in which the animal is born.

Amendment 8 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to increase the percentage of public procurement of Welsh produce.

Amendment 9 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the terms of reference of the independent review of the dairy industry in Wales to include the development of a comprehensive strategic action plan to support the dairy industry.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5603 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of ports to the Welsh economy.
2. Notes increasing short sea shipping at Welsh ports could secure long term dividends.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to provide an update on its work with WEFO on infrastructure developments and the role of ports in the renewable energy supply chain.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the concerns expressed by the Associated British Ports that trade at Newport Docks could be severely affected by the proposed M4 black route.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add new point 3 and renumber accordingly

Welcomes the recommendation of the Commission on Devolution in Wales that responsibility for ports be devolved to the National Assembly.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes Holyhead's status in the European Union TEN-T Programme as a Comprehensive rather than Core European Port, and calls on the Welsh Government to pursue all options to ensure that this secondary status is not a barrier to growth.

7 Voting Time

8 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5607 Lynne Neagle (Torfaen)

Dementia Friends – Working towards Dementia Friendly Communities across Wales

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 4 November 2014

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 14 October 2014 for answer on 22 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 Natural Resources

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

- 1. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's policy on Advanced Thermal Treatment (pyrolysis) energy generation? OAQ(4)0211(NR)
- 2. John Griffiths (Newport East):** Will the Minister make a statement on national parks in Wales? OAQ(4)0202(NR)
- 3. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the appeals process for the classification of land for SPS payments? OAQ(4)0212(NR)
- 4. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on funding allocated to the Nature Fund? OAQ(4)0215(NR)W
- 5. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on Natural Resources Wales's target to plant 100,000 hectares of woodland by 2030? OAQ(4)0206(NR)W
- 6. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on tackling Japanese knotweed? OAQ(4)0203(NR)
- 7. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly):** Will the Minister make a statement on the recycling of organic waste in Wales? OAQ(4)0207(NR)
- 8. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the Minister provide an update on measures being taken to prevent the spread of larch disease? OAQ(4)0201(NR)

9. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What plans does the Minister have to review the requirements regarding the redirection of public footpaths where they are preventing farm diversification? OAQ(4)0217(NR)W

10. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is supporting national parks? OAQ(4)0205(NR)

11. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement regarding saving energy in the public sector? OAQ(4)0213(NR)W

12. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support available for upland farmers in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0209(NR)

13. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Does the Minister have any intention of reviewing the statutory framework regarding access to the countryside? OAQ(4)0216(NR)W

14. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on flood prevention in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0210(NR)

15. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of planning policy in Wales? OAQ(4)0204(NR)

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

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

1. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the objectives and aims of Communities First funding? OAQ(4)0228(CTP)

2. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on what support the Welsh Government is giving to the third sector in west Wales? OAQ(4)0229(CTP)

- 3. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** will the Minister make a statement on the availability of adaptive housing for the disabled?
OAQ(4)0227(CTP)
- 4. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** What meetings has the Minister had with Ministerial counterparts in the UK Government regarding welfare reform since her appointment? OAQ(4)0241(CTP)W
- 5. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on assets of community value? OAQ(4)0245(CTP)W
- 6. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the Minister provide an update on issues affecting leaseholders in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0233(CTP)
- 7. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline her plans to tackle child poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)0230(CTP)
- 8. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** What is the Minister doing to create vibrant and sustainable communities in the Vale of Clwyd?
OAQ(4)0244(CTP)
- 9. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement regarding the rights of children and young people in light of the Children's Commissioner's annual report? OAQ(4)0238(CTP)W
- 10. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the draft budget cuts will impact on child poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)0236(CTP)
- 11. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What assessment has the Minister made of potential impacts to the voluntary sector as a result of local authority budget cuts?
OAQ(4)0242(CTP)
- 12. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on Communities First projects in Mid and West Wales?
OAQ(4)0232(CTP)
- 13. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What strategies does the Minister use to ensure that Flying Start, Communities First and other anti-poverty initiatives collaborate appropriately? OAQ(4)0235(CTP)

14. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's plans to tackle poverty in South Wales Central in 2015/16, following the publication of the draft budget?

OAQ(4)0239(CTP)

15. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government Housing Quality Standard? OAQ(4)0231(CTP)