

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 12 November 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda

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

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3 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Update on Murco Refinery, Milford Haven (30 mins)

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5614 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish an Armed Forces Commissioner.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5616 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Wales's rich wealth of natural resources.
2. Notes the important role water has in the current and future economic, social and environmental sustainability of Wales.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider ways to capitalise on the potential that water can bring to the Welsh economy.
4. Calls for the National Assembly to engage at a national and international level to ensure the importance of water resources to communities is identified and work towards including labelling information on the water footprint of products and services.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the potential benefits to Wales's economic, social and environmental sustainability offered by hydropower and pumped storage.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the full devolution of water and sewerage with legislative competence aligned with the national border, as recommended in the Silk Part 2 report.

The Silk Part 2 report is available at:

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

6 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)
NDM5615 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the current forecasts that the concession agreement for the Severn Bridges will come to an end in 2018 and that early discussions need to take place as to the future ownership, maintenance and tolling system for the bridges.
2. Believes that the current tolling system is an unfair burden on businesses, commuters and the public.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely with the UK Government on planning for the future of the bridges.
4. Calls on the UK Government to abolish the tolls on the Severn Bridges once the existing construction and repair costs are paid off.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 4 and replace with

4. Calls for responsibility for setting tolls on the Severn crossings, following the concession, to be transferred to the Welsh Government.
5. Calls on the next Welsh Government to reduce the tolls on the Severn Bridges to reflect maintenance costs only, and for the longer term option of abolishing the tolls to be kept under review.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Calls on the UK Government to commission a feasibility study on the effect of abolishing the Severn Bridge tolls.

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Recognises that, as set out in the economic research "Impact of the Severn Tolls on the Welsh Economy", the Severn tolls cost the Welsh economy around £80 million and, therefore, believes that the Welsh Government should have the responsibility for future decisions on tolling.

"Impact of the Severn Tolls on the Welsh Economy" can be found on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/statistics-and-research/impact-severn-bridge-tolls-welsh-economy/?lang=en>

7 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 18 November 2014