

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 12 November 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

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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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 5 November 2014 for answer on 12 November 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 Finance and Government Business

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

1. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): What progress is the Minister making regarding the securing of fair funding for Wales? OAQ(4)0474(FIN)

2. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister provide an update on the recent approval of the UK Partnership Agreement? OAQ(4)0480(FIN)

3. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister make a statement on the budget allocation to the Health and Social Services portfolio?
OAQ(4)0473(FIN)

4. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of EU structural funds to the south Wales valleys?
OAQ(4)0476(FIN)

5. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): What priorities were taken into account by the Welsh Government when allocating funding to the Natural Resources portfolio? OAQ(4)0483(FIN)

6. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Why was it decided that recipients of invest-to-save funding could postpone making any repayment in the year immediately following the loan? OAQ(4)0469(FIN)

7. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the benefits that EU structural funds bring to the rural communities of Wales? OAQ(4)0482(FIN)

8. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): What principles will the Minister adopt when developing the Welsh Government's tax policy? OAQ(4)0478(FIN)

9. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the recent announcement of £2 billion of EU funding for Wales? OAQ(4)0479(FIN)

10. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): What discussions has the Minister had regarding Wales's role in the development of UK funding arrangements? OAQ(4)0477(FIN)

11. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): What steps is the Minister taking to prepare for the devolution of stamp duty and landfill tax to Wales? OAQ(4)0470(FIN)

12. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget allocation to the Health and Social Services portfolio? OAQ(4)0468(FIN)

13. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): What progress has the Minister made to secure fair funding for Wales? OAQ(4)0475(FIN)

14. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What priorities were considered by the Welsh Government when allocating funding to the Education and Skills portfolio? OAQ(4)0467(FIN)

15. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What discussions has the Minister had with cabinet colleagues about the implications of an ageing population on the Welsh Government's budget? OAQ(4)0481(FIN)

To ask the Minister for Public Services

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

1. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Has the Minister made an assessment of the impact that the increase in the staff of police and crime commissioners has had on unhypothecated funding for police authorities? OAQ(4)0482(PS)W

2. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the draft budget on local government? OAQ(4)0484(PS)W

3. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister make a statement on youth justice? OAQ(4)0488(PS)

4. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on redundancies within local government? OAQ(4)0489(PS)

5. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): What contingency planning has the Minister undertaken to help councils prepare for any unexpected cost pressures on local authority budgets? OAQ(4)0491(PS)

6. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to protect public services which are threatened by local authority budget cuts? OAQ(4)0483(PS)

7. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on support for Armed Forces veterans in Wales? OAQ(4)0487(PS)

8. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What discussions has the Minister had with the WLGA in relation to contracts for coroner's services? OAQ(4)0481(PS)W

9. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline his priorities for reforming public services in Wales? OAQ(4)0480(PS)

10. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on progress with Welsh Government proposals to reconfigure local government in Wales? OAQ(4)0495(PS)

11. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's approach to eradicating female genital mutilation in Wales? OAQ(4)0490(PS)

12. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the fire service in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0494(PS)

13. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the enforcement responsibilities of local government in mid Wales? OAQ(4)0486(PS)

14. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What recent discussions has the Minister held regarding secure colleges in Wales? OAQ(4)0493(PS)W

15. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on his priorities for local government in west Wales for the next 12 months? OAQ(4)0479(PS)