

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 19 November 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 Education and Skills (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 Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

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3 Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2015/16 (30 mins)

NDM5621 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 20.16:

Agrees the budget of the Assembly Commission for 2015–16, as specified in Table 1 of the "National Assembly for Wales Assembly Commission Budget 2015–16", laid

before the Assembly on 12 November 2014 and that it be incorporated in the Annual Budget Motion under Standing Order 20.26 (ii).

Supporting documents:

[Assembly Commission Budget document](#)
[Finance Committee's Report](#)

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)
NDM5624 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the vital contribution older people make to Wales's social and economic well-being and the importance of ensuring the rights of older people are reflected in Welsh Government policies and legislation.
2. Notes the publication of 'A Place to Call Home', a review by the Older People's Commissioner into the care of older people living in care homes in Wales;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Older People's Commissioner to take forward the recommendations contained within the review.
4. Further calls on the Welsh Government to assess and specify minimum training requirements for care home employees which incorporate the principles of dignity and respect.

'A Place to Call Home' is available at:

[A Place to Call Home](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that a growing proportion of people in Wales are aged over 65 and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that planning for health and social services takes this into account.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to tackle low pay and conditions, and improve training and career opportunities for care home employees.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5622 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that utility costs are unacceptably high and notes the particular difficulties this creates for rural communities, businesses, and those on low incomes.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish an action plan to alleviate high utility costs.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the Cheaper Energy Together fund launched by the UK Government's Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to support collective switching, and calls on the Welsh Government to work with DECC to promote collective switching across Wales to reduce consumer bills.

Details of the Cheaper Energy Together fund is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/collective-switching-and-purchasing>

Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the UK Government to implement an energy price freeze.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to look at grid connection costs and their impact on utility bills, particularly in rural areas.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to make representations to the National Grid to ensure it looks at Wales as a whole when calculating how electricity is exported when pricing calculations are made to ensure value for money for consumers.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consider the vulnerability of "off-grid" customers to price rises, where switching options are limited or where markets are unregulated.

6 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM5623 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that transgender people in Wales are among the most vulnerable to social isolation and prejudice.
2. Notes that there is inadequate service provision in Wales for the transgender

community in a number of areas, including employment and training, healthcare and housing.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) identify a Minister to take responsibility for the issues faced by the trans community;

b) formulate an action plan for identifying institutionalised prejudice, improving access to public services and tackling social stigmatisation, harassment and bullying for this group; and

c) report back to the Assembly within 6 months of the Minister being appointed.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert new sub point at end of point 3:

"raise public awareness of transgender hate crime, to encourage reporting of incidents by victims."

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert new sub point at end of point 3:

"ensure that transgender victims of hate crime have access to comprehensive and easily accessible support services."

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Work with LGBT groups and Police and Crime Commissioners to ensure that the police force takes transgender hate crimes seriously and that victims feel able to report crimes and are supported throughout the criminal justice process.

7 Voting Time

8 Short Debate – Postponed (30 mins)

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 25 November 2014

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 12 November 2014 for answer on 19 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 Education and Skills

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

1. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister provide an update on plans to introduce a new school categorisation system for primary schools?

OAQ(4)0492(ESK)W

2. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the action taken to prevent bullying in Welsh schools?

OAQ(4)0495(ESK)

3. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement regarding identifying Special Educational Needs?

OAQ(4)0497(ESK)

4. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister provide an update on the 'Focus on Science' campaign? OAQ(4)0500(ESK)W

5. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly): Will the Minister make a statement on apprenticeships in Wales? OAQ(4)0491(ESK)

6. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister outline what measures are in place to assess the attainment of primary school aged children? OAQ(4)0490(ESK)

7. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): What measures is the Welsh Government taking to increase the percentage of school leavers in Wales who are able to speak Welsh? OAQ(4)0499(ESK)

8. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the implementation of the literacy and numeracy framework? OAQ(4)0488(ESK)

9. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on changes to the GCSE curriculum in Wales? OAQ(4)0498(ESK)

10. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister provide an update on changes to qualifications in Wales? OAQ(4)0503(ESK)

11. Dafydd Elis–Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): Will the Minister make a statement on his strategy for further education? OAQ(4)0505(ESK)W

12. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on action taken to prevent pupil absence during term time? OAQ(4)0489(ESK)

13. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What are the Minister's proposals to improve teacher training in Wales? OAQ(4)0502(ESK)W

14. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister outline the action taken by the Welsh Government to prevent school closures? OAQ(4)0493(ESK)

15. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide an update on the Jobs Growth Wales Programme in south Wales? OAQ(4)0496(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. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the recent overcrowding issues on the Welsh rail network? OAQ(4)0486(EST)

- 2. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government's priorities are for purchasing land adjoining trunk roads? OAQ(4)0481(EST)
- 3. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government support for high street businesses? OAQ(4)0484(EST)
- 4. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for small businesses? OAQ(4)0491(EST)
- 5. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of Welsh city regions? OAQ(4)0487(EST)
- 6. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for businesses in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0492(EST)
- 7. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on Powys Local Growth Zones? OAQ(4)0485(EST)
- 8. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of rolling stock for rail services on the Rhymney Valley line? OAQ(4)0482(EST)
- 9. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve rail services in the Cynon Valley? OAQ(4)0483(EST)
- 10. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister make a statement regarding the developments taking place in SA1? OAQ(4)0480(EST)
- 11. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on any planned improvements to the link between the A55 and the port of Holyhead? OAQ(4)0479(EST)W

12. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement regarding improving rail services in Mid and West Wales?
O AQ(4)0493(EST)W

13. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement on the performance of Cardiff Airport? O AQ(4)0494(EST)

14. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the consultation process associated with the Mid Wales Connection Project? O AQ(4)0476(EST)

15. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on the economic impact she would hope to see from the creation of a Business Improvement District in Neath? O AQ(4)0490(EST)