Plenary

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 25 November 2014

Meeting time:

13.30

Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for



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.

View Questions

2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

View Business Statement and Announcement

3 Motion under Standing Order 16.5 to Establish an Assembly Committee (5 mins) NDM5634 Jane Hutt AM (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 16.5:

- 1. Establishes a Committee on the protection of children from battery inflicted on grounds of reasonable punishment; and
- 2. Agrees that the remit of the Committee is to examine the policy and legislative considerations surrounding the removal of the "reasonable punishment" defence in relation to battery of a child, further to section 58 of the Children Act 2004. The

Committee will be dissolved following the debate on its report.

4 Statement by the Minister for Public Services: The Anti-Slavery Co-ordinator's Annual Report (30 mins)

5 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Health: Immunisation Progress and Vaccinations (30 mins)

6 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Jobs Growth Wales Future Programme (30 mins)

Supporting Document

Evaluation of Jobs Growth Wales

7 Legislative Consent Motion on the Consumer Rights Bill: Amendment in relation to Letting Agency Fees (15 mins)
NDM5626 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Consumer Rights Bill, relating to letting agency fees in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 21 October 2014 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(i).

A copy of the Bill can be found on the Parliament website: http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/consumerrights.html

Supporting Documents

<u>Legislative Consent Memorandum</u>

<u>Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee</u>

8 Legislative Consent Motion on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill - provisions relating to education and training (15 mins)

NDM5627 Julie James (Swansea West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, relating to education and training in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 17 July 2014 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(i).

A copy of the Bill can be found on the Parliament website:

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-

15/smallbusinessenterpriseandemployment.html

Supporting Documents

<u>Legislative Consent Memorandum</u>

Report of the Enterprise and Business Committee

9 Debate on the General Principles of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
NDM5632 Leighton Andrews (Rhondda)

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

Agrees to the general principles of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill.

The Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 30 June 2014.

The report of Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee on the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 14 November 2014.

Supporting Documents

The Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill Explanatory Memorandum

Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee
Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

10 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill (5 mins)
NDM5633 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69 arising in consequence of the Bill.

11 Debate: The Impact of the UK Government's Welfare Reforms in Wales (60 mins) NDM5631 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Notes:
- a) the impact of Welfare Reform in Wales and its implications; and
- b) the latest published plans for the implementation of Universal Credit.

The latest published plans for the implementation of Universal Credit can be accessed on the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-announced-for-accelerated-rollout-of-universal-credit-after-success-in-north-west

Supporting Document

Analysing the impact of the UK Government's welfare reforms in Wales

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point a) and replace with:

that welfare reforms implemented by the UK Government have been taken to address inequality in the benefits system and to ensure that no one can earn more on benefits than the average family does by going out to work; and

Amendment 2 - Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that the aim of universal credit is to reduce poverty, by making work pay, and to help claimants and their families to become more independent.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the repeal of the bedroom tax.

Amendment 4 - Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Resolves that job-creation measures are more effective than punitive welfare reforms as a means to create thriving communities.

Amendment 5 - Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that a freeze on child benefit would be detrimental to the goal of eradicating child poverty.

12 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 26 November 2014