

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 25 November 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

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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.

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2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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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

[Legislative Consent Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee](#)

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

[Legislative Consent Memorandum](#)

[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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 20 November 2014 for answer on 25 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)

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

To ask the First Minister

1. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the First Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's spending priorities for improving transport infrastructure? OAQ(4)1987(FM)

2. Byron Davies (South Wales West): Will the First Minister outline his vision for the future of the tourism industry in Wales?
OAQ(4)1983(FM)

3. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to improve the health service in Wales? OAQ(4)1982(FM)

4. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): What is the Welsh Government doing to deal with violence committed against women?
OAQ(4)1985(FM)

5. John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the First Minister set out the next steps to take forward the Metro system for integrated transport in Wales? OAQ(4)1974(FM)

6. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What is the Welsh Government doing to improve current waiting times for chronic pain management in North Wales? OAQ(4)1978(FM)W

7. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the First Minister have to increase employment opportunities in Cardiff North?
OAQ(4)1976(FM)

8. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the First Minister provide an update on the response to the call for a voice for Wales on the Home Office independent panel inquiry into child sexual abuse? OAQ(4)1975(FM)

9. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on the provision of care for dementia sufferers in North Wales?
OAQ(4)1984(FM)W

10. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What actions is the Welsh Government taking to reduce the impact of the economic recession on children in Wales? OAQ(4)1977(FM)

11. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on his economic priorities for Pembrokeshire for the next twelve months? OAQ(4)1971(FM)

12. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the First Minister held with the UK Government regarding the Chancellor's autumn statement? OAQ(4)1986(FM)W

13. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the First Minister outline the effect that social enterprises are having in Wales? OAQ(4)1972(FM)

14. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the First Minister outline how the Welsh Government is collaborating with the UK Government to create the perfect conditions for long-term economic growth?
OAQ(4)1981(FM)

15. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the First Minister make a statement on efforts to improve standards of healthcare in South Wales Central? OAQ(4)1980(FM)

Agenda Item 2

Business Statement and Announcement

Plenary agendas are published a week in advance of a meeting, and can be found on the [Plenary meetings page](#)

Tuesday 2 December 2014 and Wednesday 3 December 2014

Tuesday 9th December 2014 and Wednesday 10th December 2014

Christmas Recess: Monday 15th December 2014–Sunday 11th January 2015

Tuesday 13th January 2015 & Wednesday 14th January 2015

Tuesday 2 December 2014

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Introduction of the Qualifications Wales Bill (60 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Science in Wales – Inspiring the next generation (30 mins)
- Debate: The Impact of Procurement Policy in Wales (60 mins)
- Debate: Substance Misuse Strategy Annual Report 2014 (60 mins)

Wednesday 3 December 2014

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)

Assembly Business

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- Statement by Kirsty Williams: Introduction of a Member proposed Bill – Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill (30 mins)
- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

NNDM5625

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Peter Black (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that policing (excluding the UK National Crime Agency and national security) should be devolved.

- Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's Report on the Welsh Government's approach to the promotion of trade and inward investment (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – William Graham (South Wales East) (30 mins)

Tuesday 9 December 2014

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism: The Welsh Government Response to the Report of the Expert Review of Libraries (30 mins)
- The Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (30 mins)
- The Keeping and Introduction of Fish (Wales) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)
- LCM on the Modern Slavery Bill – provisions relating to child trafficking advocates, guidance about identifying and supporting victims and presumption of age (15 mins)
- LCM on the Serious Crime Bill (15 mins)
- Debate: The Final Budget 2015–16 (60 mins)
- Debate on the General Principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

Wednesday 10 December 2014

Government Business

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

Assembly Business

- Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on its inquiry into progress made to date on implementing the Welsh Government's Cancer Delivery Plan (60 mins)

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

NNDM5630

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that:

a) women have made a huge contribution to the working life of Wales and continue to be a vital part of the Welsh economy;

b) it is nearly 100 years since women got the vote and nearly 40 years since the Equal Pay Act;

c) the Welsh Government has an important part to play in ensuring that there is not institutional discrimination present in the workplace.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government not to award any procurement contracts or Welsh Government grant monies to any company that does not have any female directors on their board.

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – William Powell (Mid and West Wales) (30 mins)

Tuesday 13 January 2015

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

- LCM on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill – amendment in relation to Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum – Memorandum No. 2) (15 mins)
- LCM on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill – public sector exit payments (Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum – Memorandum No. 3) (15 mins)
- LCM on the Deregulation Bill – amendment in relation to British Fishing Boats Act 1983, Fisheries Act 1868 and Fisheries Act 1891 (Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum – Memorandum No. 5) (15 mins)
- Debate: The Local Government Settlement 2015–16 (60 mins)
- Debate: Together for Mental Health Annual Report 2013–14 (60 mins)

Wednesday 14 January 2015

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Report on Senior Management Pay (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate (30 mins)