

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 20 January 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda

(240)v5

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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Urgent Question

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on a significant drop in Wales's performance in accident and emergency waiting times?

2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

3 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism: Our Past and Its Future (30 mins)

4 The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (30 mins)
NDM5668 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5

Approves that the draft The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 11 December 2014.

Supporting Documents

[The Council Tax Reduction Schemes \(Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's Report](#)

5 The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2015 (15 mins)

NDM5667 Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 25.15:

Approves the draft The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2015.

The draft Order and Explanatory Memorandum were laid in the Table Office on 9 December.

Supporting Documents

[The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Amendment\) Order 2015](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's Report](#)

[Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report](#)

6 Voting Time

7 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Higher Education (Wales) Bill (150 mins)

If the Assembly agrees the motion under Standing Order 26.36 the amendments will be disposed of in the order that the sections and schedules to which they relate, are set out in the motion. If the Assembly does not agree the motion, amendments will

be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

1. Fee and Access Plans – duration and content

26, 1, 2, 34, 3, 4, 5, 27, 21, 22

2. Welsh medium provision

28, 29, 30, 33

3. Institutional autonomy

35, 40, 44, 41

4. Fee and Access Plans – enforcement

6*, 6A*, 6B*, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20

5. Quality assessment

31, 32, 7, 8

6. Financial Management Code

36, 37, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

7. Institutional safeguards

38, 39, 43, 42

8. Reporting requirements

18, 19

9. Transitional Arrangements

23, 24, 25

*Grwp 4 / Group 4:

Bydd y gwelliannau hyn yn cael eu gwaredu yn y drefn — 6A, 6B, 6

Gwelliant 6 yw'r prif welliant yn y grŵp

These amendments will be disposed of in the order— 6A, 6B, 6

Amendment 6 is the lead amendment in the group

Supporting Documents

[Higher Education \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled List of Amendments](#)

[Grouping List of Amendments](#)

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 21 January 2015

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 15 January 2015 for answer on 20 January 2015

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. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**: What discussions has the First Minister had with the UK Government regarding introducing the UK flag rather than the Welsh flag on driving licences? OAQ(4)2055(FM)W

2. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)**: What plans does the Welsh Government have to develop the higher education sector in Wales? OAQ(4)2058(FM)

3. **Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)**: Will the First Minister make a statement regarding the travel disruption that has resulted from rail improvement works in South Wales Central? OAQ(4)2057(FM)

4. **Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)**: How is the Welsh Government supporting the dairy industry? OAQ(4)2051(FM)

5. **Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)**: Will the First Minister make a statement on the availability of mobile phone signal in Carmarthenshire? OAQ(4)2047(FM)

6. **Gwyn Price (Islwyn)**: Will the First Minister make a statement on the current number of Welsh students entering higher education? OAQ(4)2046(FM)

7. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire)**: Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities to grow the Welsh agricultural industry in 2015? OAQ(4)2060(FM)

8. **Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly)**: Will the First Minister make a statement on the Auditor General for Wales's report on the effects of the UK Government's welfare reform programme? OAQ(4)2049(FM)

9. **Keith Davies (Llanelli)**: Will the First Minister provide an update on the work of the Choose Well campaign this winter? OAQ(4)2050(FM)W

10. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the First Minister provide an update on the business plan for a regional neonatal centre in North Wales? OAQ(4)2052(FM)W

11. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): What action is the Welsh Government taking to reduce rates of suicide and self-harm? OAQ(4)2061(FM)

12. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for economic growth in market towns in Wales? OAQ(4)2041(FM)

13. Llyr Gruffudd (North Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on the ability of the health service in Wales to meet demand? OAQ(4)2056(FM)W

14. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the First Minister provide an update on the impact of UK Government welfare reforms in Torfaen? OAQ(4)2048(FM) **WITHDRAWN**

15. John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's strategy for sport and physical activity in Wales? OAQ(4)2053(FM)

Agenda Item 2

Business Statement and Announcement

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Tuesday 27th January 2015 & Wednesday 28th January 2015

Tuesday 3rd February 2015 & Wednesday 4th February 2015

Tuesday 10th February 2015 & Wednesday 11th February 2015

Tuesday 27 January 2015

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Introduction of the Local Government (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: Improving the availability of allotments and community gardens (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Refreshing the Financial Inclusion Agenda (30 mins)
- Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Higher Education (Wales) Bill (15 mins)
- Debate: The Older People's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report 2013-14 (60 mins)
- Debate: Welsh Ministers Report on the Public Sector Equality Duty 2014 (60 mins)

Wednesday 28 January 2015

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)
- LCM on the Serious Crime Bill (Memorandum No. 2) (30 mins)

Assembly Business

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Mark Isherwood (North Wales) (30 mins)

Tuesday 3 February 2015

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Business Rates (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Raising the Ambitions and Educational Attainment of Children who are Looked After in Wales (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Update on joint working with the Department for Work and Pensions (30 mins)
- LCM on the Medical Innovation Bill (15 mins)
- Debate: The Review of Independent Living Adaptations (60 mins)

Wednesday 4 February 2015

Government Business

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

Assembly Business

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Peter Black (South Wales West) (30 mins)

Tuesday 10 February 2015

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Introduction of the Renting Homes (Wales) Bill (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Tax Devolution in Wales – Consultation on a Land Transaction Tax (30 mins)
- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes:
 - The Education Workforce Council (Registration Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2015

- The Education Workforce Council (Additional Functions and Revocation) (Wales) Order 2015 (15 mins)
- Debate: the General Principles of the Planning (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Financial resolution in respect of the Planning (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

Wednesday 11 February 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 by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West) (30 mins)