

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 21 January 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources (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 Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

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3 Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's report on Tourism (60 mins) **NDM5670 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Enterprise and Business Committee on its Inquiry into Tourism, which was laid in the Table Office on 20 November 2014.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was laid on 14 January 2015.

Supporting Documents

[Enterprise and Business Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's Response](#)

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

NNDM5639 Mark Isherwood (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the achievement of the Welsh Government's autistic spectrum disorder strategic action plan.
2. Notes that more needs to be done to meet the needs of children and adults with autism in Wales.
3. Believes that placing specific duties on local authorities and health boards would lead to greater clarity on the care and support that people with autism can expect.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to introduce an Autism Act for Wales.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NNDM5671 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Notes:

- a) the importance of the farming industry to the economy, environment and communities of Wales;
- b) the crisis in the dairy industry that has stemmed from a reduction in the milk prices that are paid to farmers and instability in the dairy chain;
- c) the uncertainty regarding the basic payments that has resulted from repealing the Common Agricultural Policy Basic Payment Scheme (Provisional Payment Region Classification) (Wales) Regulations 2014 following a judicial challenge;
- d) the vote in the European Parliament to give member states the power to authorise GM crops to member states, and the fact that the Welsh Government will be

responsible for taking the decision in Wales.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) work with the dairy chain and the UK Government to take specific action to ensure the viable sustainability of milk producers;

b) ensure that there are sufficient resources and an achievable timescale to ensure that the basic payment is paid on 1 December 2015; and

c) calls on the Welsh Government to restate its intention to keep Wales GM-free.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 1:

the central role of food production in Welsh farming given the urgent need to safeguard food security.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 2:

implement proactive measures to facilitate succession planning in the farming sector, given the age profile of farmers in Wales and the need to provide access to the land.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new sub-points at end of point 2:

engage and consult sufficiently with stakeholders on the new payment system following the repealing of the Common Agricultural Policy Basic Payment Scheme (Provisional Payment Region Classification) (Wales) Regulations 2014; and

engage and work with stakeholders to ensure the long-term viability of food

production and producers in Wales.

6 Voting Time

7 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5669 Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)

Giving the Circuit of Wales the red flag – outlining the concerns around the Circuit of Wales project.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 27 January 2015

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 14 January 2014 for answer on 21 January 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 Natural Resources

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- 1. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the memorandum of understanding between Natural Resources Wales and the Crown Estate? OAQ(4)0239(NR)W
- 2. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the visual impact provision project? OAQ(4)0254(NR)
- 3. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding small-scale renewable energy projects? OAQ(4)0249(NR)
- 4. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** What support is the Welsh Government giving to help food and drink producers in Wales to promote their produce? OAQ(4)0244(NR)
- 5. Gwenda Thomas (Neath):** Will the Minister make a statement on the safety of large man-made bodies of water? OAQ(4)0252(NR)
- 6. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** What actions has the Welsh Government taken to reduce food waste? OAQ(4)0242(NR)
- 7. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's planning policy guidance in relation to MTAN2? OAQ(4)0250(NR)
- 8. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to tackle flooding problems in west Wales? OAQ(4)0238(NR)
- 9. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** How is the Minister meeting his cross-cutting responsibility for sustainable development across the Welsh Government? OAQ(4)0247(NR)W
- 10. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement regarding the Welsh Government's priorities for the farming industry in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0251(NR)

11. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister make a statement on the requirement for small-scale solar parks to provide community benefits? OAQ(4)0241(NR)

12. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister make a statement on actions being taken by Natural Resources Wales to improve air quality? OAQ(4)0253(NR)

13. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Welsh Government have to increase the number and use of community gardens? OAQ(4)0240(NR)

14. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What actions is the Welsh Government taking to protect wildlife in Wales? OAQ(4)0248(NR)

15. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): What plans does the Minister have for coastal and sea fisheries in Welsh waters once the EU's Common Fisheries Policy is implemented? OAQ(4)0246(NR)W

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

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1. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on food poverty? OAQ(4)0282(CTP)

2. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): What measures are being taken to tackle poverty to help children from disadvantaged homes? OAQ(4)0269(CTP)W

3. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an assessment of the performance of Communities First areas? OAQ(4)0266(CTP)

4. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister outline her priorities for tackling poverty in North Wales over the next 12 months? OAQ(4)0280(CTP)

5. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What action will the Welsh Government take to promote credit unions in Wales in 2015? OAQ(4)0267(CTP)

6. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the promotion of community cohesion? OAQ(4)0276(CTP)

7. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the contribution of the voluntary sector in rural areas? OAQ(4)0279(CTP)W

8. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement on progress towards configuring an assets of community value model for Wales? OAQ(4)0270(CTP)

9. William Graham (South Wales East): What assessment has the Minister made of measures to support credit unions? OAQ(4)0277(CTP)

- 10. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What is the Welsh Government doing to increase the supply of affordable housing in Wales? OAQ(4)0278(CTP)
- 11. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** How is the Welsh Government tackling poverty to help people who live in disadvantaged areas? OAQ(4)0268(CTP)
- 12. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister provide an update on action being taken by the Welsh Government to mitigate the effects of welfare reforms on social housing tenants in Wales? OAQ(4)0274(CTP)
- 13. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** What proportion of the departmental budget for voluntary organisations is allocated to them directly rather than to mediatory bodies such as the Wales Council for Voluntary Action? OAQ(4)0273(CTP)W
- 14. John Griffiths (Newport East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the role of food banks in Wales? OAQ(4)0272(CTP)
- 15. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on projects that stem from the creation of a strategic regeneration area in Aberystwyth? OAQ(4)0275(CTP)W