

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 27 January 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
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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 Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Introduction of the Local Government (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

4 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: Improving the availability of allotments and community gardens (30 mins)

5 Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Refreshing the Financial Inclusion Agenda (30 mins)

6 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Higher Education (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

NDM5677 Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Higher Education (Wales) Bill.

Supporting Documents

[Higher Education \(Wales\) Bill, as amended at Stage 3](#)
[Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)

7 Debate: The Older People's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report 2013–14 (60 mins)

NDM5672 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly of Wales:

Notes the annual report of the Commissioner for Older People for 2013/14, which was laid in Table Office on 6 January 2015.

Supporting Document

[The annual report of the Commissioner for Older People for 2013/14](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the increase in the proportion of the Older People's Commissioner's casework relating to health care.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Impact and Reach Report notes that three local authorities are breaching their statutory time scales for delivering disabled facilities grants.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the work of the Older People's Commissioner in developing the Declaration of the Rights of Older People in Wales.

8 Debate: The Welsh Ministers' Report on Equality 2014 (60 mins) NDM5674 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly of Wales:

Notes the Welsh Ministers' Report on Equality 2014.

A copy of the report can be accessed using the attached link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/people-and-communities/equality-diversity/?lang=en>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consider wider transgender issues within the public sector equality duty.

Amendment 2– Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce further measures to tackle homophobic bullying in schools.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end motion:

Recognises the need for better partnership working to address the rise in tension between communities and improve cohesion following the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end motion:

Welcomes figures published by the Office for National Statistics in November 2014 showing that the gender pay gap is at its lowest ever level, but acknowledges that there is more to do.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that victims of hate crime have access to comprehensive and easily accessible support services.

Amendment 6 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that little progress has been made in increasing the diversity of decision-making bodies in Wales.

Amendment 7 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that equality objectives must also confirm the right to receive public services in the official languages of Wales.

Amendment 8 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that equality cannot be achieved in Wales unless wealth is re-balanced across the UK.

9 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 28 January 2015