

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 27 January 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

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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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 22 January 2015 for answer on 27 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)

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To ask the First Minister

- 1. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the First Minister outline his strategic priorities for sport in 2015? OAQ(4)2069(FM)
- 2. Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on projections for the Welsh economy? OAQ(4)2073(FM)
- 3. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What discussions has the First Minister had regarding flooding insurance for businesses? OAQ(4)2066(FM)W
- 4. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's capital investment in Wales's tourism sector? OAQ(4)2068(FM)
- 5. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the latest annual report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales? OAQ(4)2077(FM)W
- 6. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the First Minister outline what support the Welsh Government is providing to help people in rural Wales own their own homes? OAQ(4)2076(FM)
- 7. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** What advice is the Welsh Government giving to schools to identify children who are self-harming? OAQ(4)2062(FM)
- 8. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the First Minister provide an update on the provision of Welsh-medium education? OAQ(4)2080(FM)W
- 9. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What is the Welsh Government doing to support the building of more council housing? OAQ(4)2079(FM)

10. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the First Minister make a statement as to how the Welsh Government is seeking to achieve a consistent approach across Wales in the issuing of blue badges? OAQ(4)2064(FM)

11. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government financial planning for public services? OAQ(4)2065(FM)

12. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the First Minister provide an update as to how public bodies in Wales are delivering the requirements of Section 165(1) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 regarding the integration of health and social care services? OAQ(4)2072(FM)

13. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on improving the delivery of local health services in Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)2063(FM)

14. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What discussions has the Welsh Government held with Betsi Cadwaladr UHB in relation to concerns about their health workforce planning in north Wales? OAQ(4)2078(FM)W

15. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): What is the Welsh Government doing to promote community cohesion in the Vale of Clwyd? OAQ(4)2067(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 3rd February 2015 & Wednesday 4th February 2015

Tuesday 10th February 2015 & Wednesday 11th February 2015

Recess: Monday 16 February 2015 – Sunday 22 February 2015

Tuesday 24th February 2015 & Wednesday 25th February 2015

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 Public Services on the Local Government White Paper (45 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 (60 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)

Tuesday 24 February 2015

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Introduction of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Statement by Minister for Finance and Government Business: Launch of Consultation on a Welsh Landfill Tax (30 mins)
- Order of consideration of amendments for the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

- Debate on The Police Settlement 2015–16 (60 mins)
- Debate on The Estyn Annual Report 2013–14 (60 mins)

Wednesday 25 February 2015

Government Business

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

Assembly Business

- Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on its inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central) (30 mins)