

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 11 February 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 Minister for Education and Skills (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 Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

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Urgent Question

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of obstetrics and gynaecological ward at Glan Clwyd Hospital, following yesterday's announcement that consultant-led care at the hospital has been suspended for 18 months?

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

NNDM5683 Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

a) Bite the Ballot's national voter registration day on 5 February and the nationwide week of action between 2 and 8 February;

b) 'The quality of the 2014 electoral registers in Great Britain' report by the Electoral Commission, which found that 49% of 16–17 year olds are not registered to vote;

c) the 'Analysis of the confirmation live run in England and Wales' Electoral Commission progress report, which found that the individual electoral registration match–rate for 16 to 17 year olds has declined from 86% to 52%; and

d) the success of the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland's 'Schools Initiative' in adding 57,000 young people (approximately 50% of the age group) to the register.

2. Regrets that turnout in Assembly elections has been decreasing and supports action to encourage active, engaged participation of young people in democracy.

3. Calls for steps to empower electoral registration officers to improve data–sharing, increase the number of people registered from under–represented groups – especially young and student electors – and ensure greater participation of young people.

'The quality of the 2014 electoral registers in Great Britain' report by the Electoral Commission is available at:

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/___data/assets/pdf_file/0005/169889/Completeness-and-accuracy-of-the-2014-electoral-registers-in-Great-Britain.pdf

Supported by:

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

Leanne Wood (South Wales Central)

Peter Black (South Wales West)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Keith Davies (Llanelli)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK Government to agree that the carrying forward of registered persons included in the previous register, who had not registered individually, should apply to the 2016 register as it did for 2015.

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5687 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that, in Wales, over 138,000 people have benefitted from the Right to Buy and Right to Acquire.

2. Regrets:

a) the Welsh Government's intention to end the Right to Buy and Right to Acquire in Wales;

b) that the Welsh Government has failed to deliver an appropriate supply of new affordable housing in Wales; and

c) that the number of social housing units has decreased since the Welsh Government has had responsibility for housing.

3. Calls for a comprehensive housing reform programme to increase housing supply and alleviate problems of affordability.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that local councils already have an option to apply to the Welsh Government to suspend the right to buy.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 2a) and renumber accordingly.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consider the suspension of the right to buy for new build social housing whilst retaining rights for existing tenants.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to set targets for the number of affordable homes to be built in Wales during an Assembly term within six months of the Assembly election, and reported on annually to the National Assembly for Wales.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5695 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on Welsh Government to prepare a new 10 year national workforce plan for the NHS, which includes actions to train and recruit 1,000 additional doctors, to ensure the NHS is able to deliver health services in all parts of Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete all after 'a new 10 year national workforce plan for the NHS,' and replace with

'which ensures action is taken to train and recruit sufficient doctors, nurses and other health care professionals to ensure that health and social care across Wales is ready for the future'.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete '1,000'.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Adds as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that successive Welsh Governments have failed to plan effectively for the workforce needs of the Welsh NHS.

6 Voting Time

7 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5688 Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

Re-open the Rhondda Tunnel

Proposals to re-open this disused railway tunnel between Blaengwynfi and Blaencwm provide a big opportunity for people-led regeneration in the Valleys and the starting point for wider improvements led by those communities.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 February 2015