

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 11 February 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

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Agenda

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1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)

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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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 4 February 2015 for answer on 11 February 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)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

- 1. Leanne Wood (South Wales Central):** What is the Minister doing to ensure that pupils leave schools with excellent IT skills? OAQ(4)0531(ESK)
- 2. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the new school categorisation system? OAQ(4)0532(ESK)
- 3. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on school modernisation plans? OAQ(4)0534(ESK)W
- 4. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What assessment has the Minister made of spending differences in education between England and Wales? OAQ(4)0539(ESK)W
- 5. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister make a statement on 14–19 Learning Pathways? OAQ(4)0542(ESK)W
- 6. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** What progress has the Welsh Government made to reduce the impact of poverty on educational attainment? OAQ(4)0529(ESK)
- 7. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for Cardiff University's Transforming Our Communities programme? OAQ(4)0538(ESK)
- 8. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's ambition for Welsh-medium primary education? OAQ(4)0533(ESK)W
- 9. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What assessment has the Minister made of collaboration between secondary schools? OAQ(4)0537(ESK)
- 10. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What account is taken of special educational needs in the national school categorisation system? OAQ(4)0541(ESK)
- 11. Gwenda Thomas (Neath):** Will the Minister provide an update on the provision of further education in Neath? OAQ(4)0527(ESK)

12. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): How many primary school classes are over the statutory number of 30? OAQ(4)0530(ESK)

13. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): What is the Welsh Government doing to address issues around the educational attainment of looked-after children in Wales?
OAQ(4)0540(ESK)

14. John Griffiths (Newport East): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the benefits of moving to a tertiary system for post-16 education in Wales?
OAQ(4)0528(ESK)

15. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the quality of GCSE marking in Wales? OAQ(4)0526(ES)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on rail services between Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury? OAQ(4)0517(EST)W

2. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on what steps the Welsh Government is taking to support the tourism industry in north Wales over the next 12 months? OAQ(4)0529(EST)

3. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on tourism in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0530(EST)

4. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Has the Minister had any talks with Mersey Rail on issues relating to passenger travel in the north Wales border area? OAQ(4)0524(EST)

5. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What action is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that women can maximise their contribution to the Welsh economy?
OAQ(4)0528(EST)

6. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly): Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government intends to maximise opportunities for research centres to increase economic growth? OAQ(4)0525(EST)

7. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the works schedule for the road works affecting the A55 in North Wales?
OAQ(4)0522(EST)

8. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What is the Welsh Government doing to increase the economic output of Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)0515(EST)

9. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on economic development in west Wales? OAQ(4)0518(EST)

10. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister provide an update on how the National Transport Plan 2015 will support mid-Wales? OAQ(4)0516(EST)

11. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's proposed road infrastructure expenditure in Carmarthenshire? OAQ(4)0523(EST)

12. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's transport priorities for south-east Wales? OAQ(4)0527(EST)

13. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on progress towards the implementation of the faith tourism action plan? OAQ(4)0514(EST)

14. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What have been the outcomes so far from the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2014? OAQ(4)0520(EST)

15. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on the support provided to small business start-ups in Wales? OAQ(4)0531(EST)