

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 11 March 2015**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business (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 Public Services (45 mins)**

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### **3 Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)**

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### **4 Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's report on its inquiry into recycling in Wales (60 mins)**

**NDM5716 Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its inquiry into

Recycling, which was laid in the Table Office on 18 December 2014.

Note: The Welsh Government's response to the report was laid in the Table Office on 4 March 2015.

## **Supporting Documents**

[Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report](#)  
[Welsh Government's Response](#)

**5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**  
**NDM5717 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's lack of ambition to improve the conditions for economic growth in Wales;
2. Recognises the significant contribution of rural businesses to the Welsh economy but notes the potential for increased growth; and
3. Urges the Welsh Government to support businesses across Wales by:
  - a) Improving infrastructure, connectivity and skills throughout Wales;
  - b) enhancing the role of local authorities in their contribution to economic growth;
  - c) improving access to finance for all Welsh businesses; and
  - d) increasing rate exemption for all business premises with a rateable value of less than £12,000.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

### **Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

In sub-point 3c), after 'businesses' insert 'by creating a Welsh Development Bank to act as a 'one-stop shop' for business advice and access to finance and first port of

call for businesses'

### **Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Delete sub-point 3d) and replace with:

enabling local retention of business rates in order to incentivise local economic growth.

*[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]*

### **Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

At the end of sub-point 3d) insert:

', and extend the small business rate relief scheme to cover all businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or less'

### **Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new sub-point at end of point 3:

supporting the market towns of Wales, the traditional hubs of our communities, and base infrastructure around them.

### **Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new sub-point at end of point 3:

increasing the proportion of public sector procurement contracts that go to Welsh businesses.

## **6 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

### **NDM5718 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the IPCC Climate Change 2014 Synthesis Report which states that:

a) "Human influence on the climate system is clear, and recent anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases are the highest in history,"

b) "The atmosphere and ocean have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, and sea level has risen" and

c) "Substantial emissions reductions over the next few decades can reduce climate risks in the 21st century and beyond, increase prospects for effective adaptation, reduce the costs and challenges of mitigation in the longer term, and contribute to climate-resilient pathways for sustainable development."

2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to introduce statutory targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Wales.

The IPCC Climate Change 2014 Synthesis Report is available at:

[http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/SYR\\_AR5\\_SPMcorr2.pdf](http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/syr/SYR_AR5_SPMcorr2.pdf)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Looks forward to the Environment Bill through which the Welsh Government will legislate for statutory targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]*

**Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

In point 2, after 'targets' insert 'in the upcoming environment Bill'.

**Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

At the end of point 2 insert:

'and make regular statements to Plenary on these targets'

**7 Voting Time**

**8 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5714 Russell George (Montgomeryshire)**

The activities of National Grid in mid-Wales.

Preventing the industrialisation and destruction of Montgomeryshire.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 March 2015