

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 11 March 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



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

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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 4 March 2015 for answer on 11 March 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 Finance and Government Business

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

- 1. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** How does the Welsh Government ensure that any additional in-year expenditure delivers value for money? OAQ(4)0528(FIN)
- 2. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister give an update on progress towards developing a landfill disposals tax in Wales? OAQ(4)0537(FIN)
- 3. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on reform of the Barnett formula? OAQ(4)0520(FIN)
- 4. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government efficiency savings in the current financial year? OAQ(4)0522(FIN)
- 5. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the financial accountability of the Welsh Government? OAQ(4)0531(FIN)
- 6. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What discussions has the Minister had with Welsh Government officials regarding holding an income tax referendum in Wales? OAQ(4)0526(FIN)
- 7. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the Minister make a statement on the effect of reductions to the Welsh block grant on people in the Vale of Clwyd? OAQ(4)0535(FIN)
- 8. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** What assessment has the Minister made of Barnett formula comparability factors? OAQ(4)0538(FIN)
- 9. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for infrastructure investment in Wales? OAQ(4)0524(FIN)
- 10. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the devolution of landfill tax to the Welsh Government? OAQ(4)0521(FIN)

11. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on the collection of proposed devolved taxes? OAQ(4)0525(FIN)

12. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister make a statement on the intended impact of Welsh Government procurement policies on employment practices in businesses working on publicly funded projects? OAQ(4)0533(FIN)

13. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What are the financial implications for Wales of the St David's Day agreement? OAQ(4)0534(FIN)

14. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What steps is the Minister taking to prepare for the devolution of Stamp Duty Land Tax to Wales? OAQ(4)0523(FIN)

15. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government projects funded by the EU? OAQ(4)0532(FIN)

To ask the Minister for Public Services

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

1. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): What plans does the Welsh Government have to review how local authorities implement and monitor their delivery of public services? OAQ(4)0535(PS)

2. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What discussions has the Minister had with Welsh Ministerial colleagues regarding services for Armed Forces personnel in Wales? OAQ(4)0532(PS)

3. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on pension arrangements for firefighters? OAQ(4)0531(PS)

4. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What discussions has the Minister had with local government leaders regarding the use of local authority reserves? OAQ(4)0537(PS)

5. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): What progress has been made in taking forward the recommendation of the Williams Commission regarding the creation of a single shared service operation for back-office functions across the public sector in Wales? OAQ(4)0547(PS)

6. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of local government reorganisation on Powys? OAQ(4)0538(PS)

7. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of public services in Cardiff? OAQ(4)0546(PS)

8. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the local authority funding formula for public services? OAQ(4)0533(PS)

9. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Welsh Government have to work with men in order to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse in Wales? OAQ(4)0541(PS)

10. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister outline the extent of his role as liaison point for the Armed Forces in Wales and veterans? OAQ(4)0545(PS)W

11. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of public services in south-east Wales? OAQ(4)0540(PS)

12. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What assessment has the Minister made of local authorities' future responsibilities, following the implementation of the Williams Commission recommendations? OAQ(4)0536(PS)

13. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of public services in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0544(PS)

14. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister provide an update on his plans to strengthen local democracy in Wales? OAQ(4)0539(PS)

15. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister confirm the arrangements for the timing of local government elections scheduled for May 2017? OAQ(4)0534(PS)

To ask the Counsel General

1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What legal representations has the Counsel General made on behalf of the Welsh Government in relation to the reserved powers model? OAQ(4)0074(CG)W

2. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What discussions has the Counsel General had with other law officers regarding the reserved powers model? OAQ(4)0075(CG)W