

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 17 March 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 Economy, Science and Transport: Update on Access to Finance (30 mins)

4 The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2015 (15 mins)

NDM5724 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table

Office on 24 February 2015.

Supporting Documents

[The Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Wales\) \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

5 The Environmental Permitting (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (15 mins)

NDM5723 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 23 February 2015.

Supporting Documents

[The Environmental Permitting \(England and Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015 Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#)

6 Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion on the Small Business Enterprise and Employment Bill (Memorandum No. 4): Amendment to the Employment Rights Act 1996 in relation to the protection of whistle-blowers in the NHS (30 mins)

NDM5722 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, relating to prohibiting a NHS employer from discriminating against an applicant who has previously whistle-blown and which provide remedies, including the award of compensation, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the Parliament website:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/smallbusinessenterpriseandemployment.html>

7 Stage 4 debate on the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

NDM5725 Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill.

Supporting Documents

[Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Bill, as amended at Stage 3 Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)

8 Debate on The Care and Social Service Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) Annual Report 2013 – 2014 (60 mins)

NDM5720 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) annual report for 2013–14.

The report was laid in the table office on 10 March 2015.

Supporting Document

[The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales \(CSSIW\) annual report 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 recruitment challenges facing the care sector and calls upon the Welsh Government to work with the sector and take action to address these challenges.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern regarding the variability of the performance of local authority

social service departments across Wales.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the importance of service user feedback in helping to improve standards of social care services.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that CSSIW examines how care homes work with local health boards to prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital.

9 Debate on Equal Pay (60 mins)

NDM5721 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the value of promoting Equal Pay as a key priority for achieving gender equality and notes the Welsh Government's progress to date in addressing the causes of gender pay inequality.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes figures from the Office of National Statistics in November 2014 showing that the gender pay gap in the UK is at its lowest ever level.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that the latest figures from the ONS show that the full-time pay gap between men and women is at its narrowest since comparative records began in

1997.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government Equalities Minister's work to ensure that firms with more than 250 employees will be required to publish the average pay for male and female workers, or face a fine of up to £5,000.

10 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 18 March 2015