

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 17 March 2015**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## 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)**

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

### **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

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 12 March 2015 for answer on 17 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)

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

### To ask the First Minister

**1. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What plans does the Welsh Government have to improve access to GP surgeries in Wales in 2015?  
OAQ(4)2171(FM)

**2. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the bedroom tax in Wales?  
OAQ(4)2188(FM)

**3. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh-for-adults centres? OAQ(4)2174(FM)W

**4. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government policies for promoting renewable energy?  
OAQ(4)2187(FM)

**5. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's current free entry policy to National Museums Wales sites? OAQ(4)2176(FM)

**6. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the importance of Wales's higher education establishments in developing the Welsh economy? OAQ(4)2175(FM)

**7. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What plans does the Welsh Government have to increase childcare provision in Wales?  
OAQ(4)2186(FM)

**8. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the First Minister provide an update on the support the Welsh Government is giving to carers in north-east Wales? OAQ(4)2181(FM)

**9. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the use of locums in the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board area? OAQ(4)2184(FM)

**10. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** Has a date been agreed by the UK Government and the Welsh Government for transferring responsibility for energy production planning consents for projects up to 350MW, following the publication of Powers with a Purpose? OAQ(4)2180(FM)W **WITHDRAWN**

**11. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to promote the benefits of fire sprinklers? OAQ(4)2183(FM)

**12. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Is it Welsh Government policy to seek the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions? OAQ(4)2185(FM)W

**13. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the importance of community woodlands in Wales? OAQ(4)2178(FM)

**14. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the First Minister make a statement on resource levels in the health service in north Wales? OAQ(4)2179(FM)W

**15. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the actions taken by the Welsh Government to encourage people to visit town centres in mid-Wales? OAQ(4)2170(FM)

# Agenda Item 2

## Business Statement and Announcement

Plenary agendas are published a week in advance of a meeting, and can be found on the [Plenary meetings page](#)

Tuesday 24th March 2015 & Wednesday 25th March 2015

Recess: Monday 30 March 2015 – Sunday 19 April 2015

Tuesday 21st April 2015 & Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Tuesday 28th April 2015 & Wednesday 29th April 2015

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Tuesday 24 March 2015

## Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Update on actions from Enterprise and Business Committee Reports (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Strengthening Procurement Policy (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food: The Dairy Review (30 mins)
- The Welsh Language Standards (No. 1) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (30 mins)
- The Regulation of Private Rented Housing (Designation of Licensing Authority) (Wales) Order 2015 (15 mins)
- Debate on the General Principles of the Qualifications Wales Bill (60 mins)
- Motion to agree the financial resolution on the Qualifications Wales Bill (5 mins)



**Wednesday 25 March 2015**

## **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

## **Assembly Business**

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

**NNDM5713**

**Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

**Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

**Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the economic contribution of the Welsh steel industry and the thousands of jobs it supports.
2. Regrets that overseas imports flooding the market have created an un-even playing field.
3. Calls for the Welsh Government to adopt the Charter for British Sustainable Steel, which will see all Government procurement of carbon steel rebar meeting the BES 6001 responsible sourcing standard.

The Charter for Sustainable British Steel is available here:

<http://www2.eef.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/04940D4A-E15E-43A5-8C41-51CD7EE4E13F/24323/TheCharterforBritishSustainableSteel1.pdf>

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Aled Roberts (North Wales) (30 mins)

**Tuesday 21 April 2015**

### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following together but with separate votes
  - The Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) Wales Order (5 mins)
  - The Homelessness (Intentionality) (Specified Categories) (Wales) Regulations (5 mins)
  - The Homelessness (Review Procedures) (Wales) Regulations (5 mins)

**Wednesday 22 April 2015**

### **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (45 mins)

### **Assembly Business**

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate (30 mins)
- Short Debate – Leanne Wood (South Wales Central): Delivering a Devolution Dividend for the Whole of Wales (30 mins) – *Postponed from 18 March 2015* (30 mins)

## Tuesday 28 April 2015

### Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

## Wednesday 29 April 2015

### Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Public Services (45 mins)

### Assembly Business

- Debate on the Finance Committee's report on Best Practise Budget Process Part 2 – Planning and implementing new budget procedures (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)

- Short Debate (30 mins)