

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 24 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 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 actions from Enterprise and Business Committee Reports (30 mins)**

**4 Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Strengthening Procurement Policy (30 mins)**

**5 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food: The Dairy Review (30 mins)**

**6 The Welsh Language Standards (No. 1) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (30 mins)**

**NDM5732 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 Welsh Language Standards (No. 1) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 3 March 2015.

#### **Supporting Documents**

[The Welsh Language Standards \(No. 1\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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

**7 The Regulation of Private Rented Housing (Designation of Licensing Authority) (Wales) Order 2015 (15 mins)**

**NDM5731 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 Regulation of Private Rented Housing (Designation of Licensing Authority) (Wales) Order 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2015.

#### **Supporting Documents**

[The Regulation of Private Rented Housing \(Designation of Licensing Authority\) \(Wales\) Order 2015](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#) – *no reporting points*

**8 Debate on the General Principles of the Qualifications Wales Bill (60 mins)**

**NDM5729 Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Qualifications Wales Bill.

The Qualifications Wales Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 1 December 2014; the report of Children Young People and Education Committee on the Qualifications Wales Bill was laid before the Assembly on 13 March

2015.

### **Supporting Documents**

[Qualifications Wales Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee](#)

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

### **9 Motion to agree the financial resolution on the Qualifications Wales Bill (5 mins)**

**NDM5730 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Qualifications Wales Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

### **10 Voting Time**

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 25 March 2015

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 19 March 2015 for answer on 24 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)

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### To ask the First Minister

1. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the role of the Welsh language in the planning process?  
OAQ(4)2192(FM)W

2. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Mid Wales Healthcare Study? OAQ(4)2191(FM)

3. **Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the UK budget? OAQ(4)2201(FM)

4. **Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the First Minister make a statement on resources in hospitals in north Wales? OAQ(4)2194(FM)W

5. **Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the First Minister provide an update on Welsh Government plans to expand the transport network in west Wales? OAQ(4)2203(FM)W

6. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What lessons has the Welsh Government learnt from the mid-Wales healthcare conference held on 12 March? OAQ(4)2195(FM)W

7. **Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the provision of transport for people who use maternity services in North Wales? OAQ(4)2200(FM)W

8. **Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the First Minister provide an update regarding discussions on a new protocol for cross-border health services between England and Wales? OAQ(4)2204(FM)W

9. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** What is the Welsh Government doing to tackle hate crime in Wales? OAQ(4)2189(FM)

**10. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What steps are being taken by the Welsh Government to improve the economic wellbeing of South Wales Central residents? OAQ(4)2202(FM)

**11. William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the First Minister outline how agencies responsible for flood risk assessment in South Wales East can enforce their findings? OAQ(4)2198(FM)

**12. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the importance of the marine economy to Wales? OAQ(4)2197(FM)

**13. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the health service's capacity for cardiac treatment? OAQ(4)2193(FM)W

**14. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** What lessons has the Welsh Government learned from the Kirkup report into failings in maternity care at Furness General Hospital? OAQ(4)2190(FM)

**15. David Rees (Aberavon):** What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government in relation to the restoration of opencast sites in Wales? OAQ(4)2196(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 21st April 2015 & Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Tuesday 28th April 2015 & Wednesday 29th April 2015

Tuesday 5th May 2015 & Wednesday 6th May 2015

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Tuesday 21 April 2015

### Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Update on implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: The Digital First Strategy (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)
- Debate on The Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service of Wales (60 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)
- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

**NNDM5715**

**Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)**

**William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Lynne Neagle (Torfaen)**

**William Powell (Mid and West Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to

- a) Instigate a moratorium on opencast mining across Wales, in order to ascertain whether planning law and current guidance provides sufficient protection for communities affected by opencast mining;
- b) Respond to the Research into the Failure to Restore Opencast Coal Sites in South Wales, stating specifically how it might address concerns about the workability of MTAN2 and the 500m buffer zone; and
- c) Support affected local authorities to make legal challenges, where required, when pursuing restoration.

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Russell George (Montgomeryshire) (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)
- Statement on Update on the Welsh Government's commitment to introduce an additional 500 Community Support Officers in Wales (30 mins)
- Debate on the Annual Report on Equality 2013–2014 (60 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 the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Suzy Davies (South Wales West) (30 mins)

## **Tuesday 5 May 2015**

### **Government Business**

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

## **Wednesday 6 May 2015**

### **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

### **Assembly Business**

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales) (30 mins)