

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 29 April 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)**

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

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### **3 Debate on the Finance Committee's report on Best Practice Budget Process Part 2 – Planning and implementing new budget procedures (60 mins)**

**NDM5748 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee on its inquiry into Best Practice Budget Process Part 2 – Planning and implementing new budget procedures, which was laid in the Table Office on 9 March 2015.

Note: The Welsh Government's response to the report was laid in the Table Office on 22 April 2015.

## Supporting Documents

[Finance Committee's Report](#)  
[Welsh Government's Response](#)

### 4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins) NDM5747 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of rural Wales to the Welsh economy;
2. Recognises the challenges facing the agricultural sector in Wales;
3. Calls for measures contained in the Localism Act 2011 to be fully enacted in Wales so that communities can bid for local assets such as post offices and pubs that are threatened with closure;
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to provide a timetable for the rollout of the remainder of the Superfast Cymru project, which is affecting businesses and residents in rural communities; and
5. Regrets the closure of high street banks in rural Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to facilitate discussions on a community banking model to ensure that over-the-counter services continue to be viable in rural Wales.

### The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the announcement in the 2015 UK Government Budget to extend the period that self-employed farmers can average their profits for income tax purposes from 2 years to 5 years, helping over 3,000 individual farmers in Wales to plan for

the future.

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes that funding for Welsh Young Farmers' Clubs has been reinstated and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the YFC to secure a long-term sustainable solution.

#### **Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to help rural areas thrive by promoting share farming and succession planning.

#### **Amendment 4 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises the need to develop a Welsh-specific approach to community assets that reflects Welsh needs and is based on wide consultation in Wales.

*[If amendment 4 is agreed, amendment 5 will be de-selected]*

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

In point 3, delete 'contained in the Localism Act 2011 to be fully enacted in Wales' and replace with 'to be put in place'.

#### **5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)**

##### **NDM5746 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the sudden closure of the Welsh Government's flagship yet ineffective Jobs Growth Wales scheme, without any replacement.

2. Notes that the 2014 interim evaluation report on Jobs Growth Wales found that:

- a) 73% of young people would have found employment without the scheme;
- b) there were significant failures to target those young people most in need of help to find work; and
- c) scheme participants were shown to be trapped on low wages, earning only 67% of the average for their age group.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to focus future European Social Fund employment schemes on improving skill levels, increasing the number of apprenticeships and developing work-based training opportunities, which would support young people most at risk of long-term unemployment and give them the skills and opportunities to help build a stronger economy to enable them to get on in life.

[The 2014 'Jobs Growth Wales: Interim evaluation report' is available here:](#)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

1. Acknowledges that a strong UK economy:

- a) creates the conditions for growth in job opportunities for our young people;
- b) challenges schools, further and higher education institutions, governments and employers to identify and meet skills required in the growth employment market; a
- c) allows young entrepreneurs to seize the opportunities of economic growth.

**Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Notes the sudden closure of the Welsh Government's flagship Jobs Growth Wales scheme and calls for the swift reinstatement of an equivalent programme.

## **6 Voting Time**

## **7 Short Debate – Postponed (0 mins)**

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 May 2015