

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 13 May 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 Natural Resources (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 Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

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Urgent Question 1

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the GP out-of-hours service in north Wales, in light of a report which raised concerns about its safety?

Urgent Question 2

Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru): Will the Minister make a statement on the renewal of the Jobs Growth Wales programme, in light of today's announcement of continued funding by the Welsh Government?

3 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on its inquiry into new psychoactive substances (60 mins)

NDM5756 David Rees (Aberavon)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report by the Health and Social Care Committee on its inquiry into new psychoactive substances, which was laid in the Table Office on 18 March 2015.

Note: The response of the Minister for Health and Social Services was laid on 6 May 2015.

Supporting Documents

[Health and Social Care Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's Response](#)

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5755 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the benefits of major sporting events in Wales;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to actively pursue a bid for the Commonwealth Games; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the benefits of public health, tourism and the economy are maximised during the upcoming Rugby World Cup.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

In point 2, after ‘Commonwealth Games’ insert ‘and the Tour de France’.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of the motion:

Believes that safe standing facilities in stadiums create a better atmosphere at major events and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Sports Ground Safety Authority to prepare guidance under which safe standing areas can be introduced.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5759 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the Barnett funding formula is not in the best interest of Wales;
2. Notes that if Wales was funded on the same basis as Scotland per head of the population, it would receive an additional £1.2 billion every year; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to make the case for Wales to be funded on the same basis as Scotland.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Recognises the findings of the Holtham Commission that the Barnett formula underfunds Wales by some £300 million per year.
2. Believes that Wales should be funded fairly.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to:
 - a) commission an update of the Holtham Commission's analysis;
 - b) immediately entrench a Barnett floor; and
 - c) increase the block grant to an equitable level to ensure fair funding for Wales.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2, 3, and 5 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

2. Notes that repeated studies have found that Wales is underfunded relative to need.

3. Calls on the UK Government to ensure that Wales is funded fairly by implementing a funding floor which has cross-party support.

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendments 3 and 5 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government and the UK Government to undertake a joint review to assess the funding needs of Wales.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the St David's Day agreement and the plans for a funding floor for Wales.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

In point 3, delete 'same basis as Scotland' and replace with 'basis of need, not population'.

6 Voting Time

7 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5758 Suzy Davies (South Wales West)

Education other than at school

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 6 May 2015 for answer on 13 May 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 Natural Resources

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1. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the items discussed at his last meeting with the farming unions? OAQ(4)0304(NR)

2. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on recreational sea fishing with nets? OAQ(4)0296(NR)

3. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans to refresh the law relating to the protection of wildlife in Wales? OAQ(4)0302(NR)

4. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister provide an update on the basic payment scheme application process this year?
OAQ(4)0294(NR)W

5. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister provide an update on plans to ban the use of sky lanterns in Wales?
OAQ(4)0293(NR)

6. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): How is the Welsh Government helping to promote the use of small-scale energy production?
OAQ(4)0300(NR)

7. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What plans does the Minister have to improve Welsh woodlands? OAQ(4)0307(NR)W

8. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding funding for clearing up opencast sites in Wales? OAQ(4)0299(NR)

9. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What impact will the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 have on the use of land for growing food? OAQ(4)0291(NR)

10. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Minister have to improve the control and welfare of dogs? OAQ(4)0297(NR)

11. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support farmers in Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)0290(NR)

12. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on the decision to call-in plans for East Pit? OAQ(4)0292(NR)

13. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on the use of section 106 agreements by planning authorities in Wales? OAQ(4)0301(NR)

14. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the eligibility of land for the basic payment scheme? OAQ(4)0298(NR)

15. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on the reinstatement of opencast mine sites? OAQ(4)0288(NR)

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

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

1. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What assessment has the Minister made of the impact that the outcome of the UK general election will have on tackling poverty? OAQ(4)0316(CTP)

2. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on town centre regeneration? OAQ(4)0313(CTP)

3. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Does the Minister have SMART targets for tackling poverty? OAQ(4)0315(CTP)

4. **Gwenda Thomas (Neath):** Will the Minister provide an update on the National Advice Network? OAQ(4)0322(CTP)
5. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** What is the Welsh Government doing to encourage more young people to take up volunteering? OAQ(4)0324(CTP)
6. **John Griffiths (Newport East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government strategy to develop the Communities First programme in Wales? OAQ(4)0317(CTP)
7. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on post office closures in mid-Wales? OAQ(4)0321(CTP)
8. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the work of the third sector in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0326(CTP)W
9. **Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** What action has the Welsh Government taken to support low-income households struggling to meet the rising cost of living? OAQ(4)0328(CTP)
10. **William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister outline discussions held with cabinet colleagues on cross-portfolio responsibilities to tackle poverty? OAQ(4)0325(CTP)
11. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What support is available to those areas that lost their Communities First status following the last review? OAQ(4)0329(CTP)W
12. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to tackle poverty in the Cynon Valley? OAQ(4)0323(CTP)
13. **Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister provide an update on how the Welsh Government is tackling homelessness in Wales? OAQ(4)0327(CTP)
14. **Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for the Better Advice, Better Lives project? OAQ(4)0330(CTP)

15. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): What meetings has the Minister held with companies, developers and builders regarding their contribution to the provision of private rental units?

OAQ(4)0319(CTP)W