

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 24 June 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 Health and Social 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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2 Questions to the Counsel General (0 mins)

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3 Questions to the Assembly Commission (0 mins)

No questions tabled.

4 Debate on the Queen's Speech (120 mins)

NDM5792 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2015/2016.

The UK Government's legislative programme:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/queens-speech-2015>

Supporting documents:

[Secretary of State's Written Statement](#)

[Queen's Speech Bills Handout provided by the Wales Office, June 2015](#)

[Research Service Paper](#)

[Letter from the Minister for Finance and Government Business](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the proposed Wales Bill does not implement in full the recommendations of the cross-party Silk Commission and calls on the UK Government to implement the full recommendations without hesitation.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern the return of the Investigatory Powers Bill, a new form of the so-called 'Snooper's Charter' which was regularly blocked by Liberal Democrats during the UK Coalition Government, and opposes the UK Government having powers to monitor individuals' communications data.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the UK Government's proposed Wales Bill falls short of offering comparable powers as those available to, or on offer to Scotland.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the UK Government's intention to bring forward proposals to abolish the Human Rights Act 1998.

Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the UK Government's rejection of a double-majority clause in the EU Referendum Bill and the decision to block 16 and 17-year-olds from voting in that referendum.

5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM5790 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the value of distinctive Welsh-language broadcasting and the important contribution of S4C in safeguarding our Welsh language and enriching the culture of Wales;
2. Opposes any further cuts in S4C funding by the UK Government Department for Culture, Media and Sport, which could threaten the future of this channel; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to make representations to the UK Government on the importance of maintaining the editorial, managerial and operational independence of S4C and the need for a sustainable funding basis to protect the future of Welsh-language broadcasting.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Opposes any cuts to S4C funding by the UK Government's Department for Culture, Media and Sport, during the current UK Parliament.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes measures that increase the accountability of S4C, as well as other Welsh public service broadcasters, to the National Assembly and the commitment to strengthen that accountability by the UK Government, as set out in the St David's Day 'Powers for a Purpose' document.

Powers for a Purpose: Towards a Lasting Devolution Settlement for Wales can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powers-for-a-purpose-towards-a-lasting-devolution-settlement-for-wales>

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the devolution of full responsibility and funding for S4C.

6 Voting Time

7 Short Debate – Postponed (0 mins)

NDM5793 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

The Dyfed–Powys police helicopter: why the X99 provides vital support to public safety in Mid and West Wales.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 30 June 2015