

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 1 July 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



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)

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3 Motion under Standing Order 17.3 to elect alternate members of the Standards of Conduct Committee (5 mins)

NDM5810 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects as alternate members of the Standards of Conduct Committee:

Ann Jones (Labour) for Mick Antoniw (Labour), Paul Davies (Welsh Conservatives) for Mark Isherwood (Welsh Conservatives), Elin Jones (Plaid Cymru) for Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) and Aled Roberts (Welsh Liberal Democrats) for Eluned Parrott (Welsh

Liberal Democrats).

4 Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Annual Report (60 mins)

NDM5800 Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Annual Report of the Public Accounts Committee for 2014–15, which was laid in the Table Office on 17 June 2015

Supporting Documents

[Public Accounts Committee Report](#)

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5801 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of a high standard of education for pupils in Wales, in order to increase their competitiveness both nationally and globally;
2. Believes that the Welsh Government has taken too long to develop measures to raise school standards in Wales;
3. Believes that regional consortia are not as effective as they need to be in helping school improvement; and
4. Believes that the Welsh Government's modern foreign language policy of creating centres of excellence is insufficient to address the need to raise standards of modern foreign language provision in schools in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Believes the Welsh Government's approach to school improvement has been confused, leading to delays and incoherence.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the finding by Professor Donaldson in his review that 'the acquisition of modern foreign languages will benefit from the earlier development of the Welsh language'.

Professor Donaldson's review 'Successful futures: independent review of curriculum and assessment arrangements in Wales' can be found at:

<http://gov.wales/docs/dcells/publications/150317-successful-futures-en.pdf>

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

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at end of point 4:

'and calls on the Welsh Government to introduce closely monitored targets for the uptake of modern foreign languages in order to halt their decline.'

6 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5802 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the education system should enable the education workforce to take the lead on professional development and on improving education standards;
2. Calls for the raising of the professional standards of the education workforce by making teaching a Master's level profession and improving continual professional development for the whole workforce; and
3. Calls for the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions to Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that a professional registration body can help with the continuous improvement of education staff and students and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure elected representation of peers from the teaching profession to the Education Workforce Council to ensure it is properly accountable.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

In point 2, delete all after 'and' and replace with: 'calls for better access to continual professional development for the whole workforce, regardless of employer; and'

Amendment 3 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises the advantage of the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions to Wales providing there is an appropriate transfer of resources."

[If amendment 3 is agreed, amendment 4 will be de-selected]

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point 3.

7 Voting time

8 Short Debate

NDM5794 Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East)

The threat of Islamist radicalisation: How working together can tackle extremism.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 July 2015