

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 29 June 2011**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

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## Agenda (10) v4

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### **1. Questions to the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development (45 mins)**

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### **2. Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (45 mins)**

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### **3. Motion under section 17(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 in relation to the disqualification of Aled Roberts - POSTPONED UNTIL 6 JULY 2011 (15 mins)**

### **4. Motion under section 17(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 in relation to the disqualification of John Dixon - POSTPONED UNTIL 6 JULY 2011 (15 mins)**

### **5. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**

#### **NDM4770 Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a middle phase (8-13 year olds) to integrate the school system and bridge the gap between the Foundation Phase and 14-19 Learning Pathways.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Delete all and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop and publish a strategy for 8-13 year olds with the aim of ensuring that illiteracy and innumeracy rates for children leaving primary school are halved from present rates by 2016.

#### **Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes this middle phase should improve transition between pupils from primary and secondary schools by formalising partnership between these schools, hiring more transition teachers and ensuring the early years of secondary schools offer a better balance of pastoral and academic teaching.

### **6. Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

#### **NDM4771 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the DCMS consultation “A Communications Review for the Digital Age”, including its emphasis on deregulation and the implications for regional commissioning and the wider media in Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to publish its response.

A copy of A Communications Review for the Digital Age can be found at:

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/what\\_we\\_do/telecommunications\\_and\\_online/8109.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/telecommunications_and_online/8109.aspx)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls on the government to publish any communication between itself and DCMS on the issue of Welsh media and broadcasting.

#### **Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)**

Add new point to the end of the motion;

Calls on the Welsh Government, DCMS and media organisations in Wales to commit to explore and identify the sustainable benefits that local TV could bring to Wales to help secure our strong and diverse media sector.

### **7. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)**

## **NDM4772 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement a school standards improvement programme by:

a) Introducing a pupil premium to target money at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, helping to close the funding gap with England;

b) Developing a comprehensive continuing professional development programme, funded by scrapping the General Teaching Council for Wales and improving workforce planning;

c) Updating the national curriculum so that it focuses on key skills;

d) Ordering a full, independent review of the governance of schools, particularly examining issues of local accountability, the appropriate leadership for governing bodies and whether single governing bodies would be appropriate for catchment areas; and

e) Improving transition between pupils from primary and secondary schools by formalising partnership between these schools, hiring more transition teachers and ensuring the early years of secondary schools offer a better balance of pastoral and academic teaching.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

### **Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Delete sub-point a) and renumber accordingly.

*[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendments 3, 4 and 5 will be deselected]*

### **Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)**

Delete sub-points b) to e) and replace with new sub-points:

Rigorously implementing Welsh Government plans for improving standards of literacy and monitoring the outcomes of those plans;

Providing a rounded national curriculum to include time for sport, home economics and life skills; and

Developing a middle phase in education.

### **Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

In sub-point b) delete all after 'development programme'

#### **Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

In sub-point d) delete 'Ordering a full, independent review' and replace with 'Conducting a review'.

#### **Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Delete sub-point e).

#### **Voting Time**

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 5 July 2011