

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 5 July 2011

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda (11) v3

1. Questions to the First Minister (60 mins)

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2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes: CAP Reform (30 mins)

4. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: Future support in the most deprived areas of Wales (30 mins)

5. Motion to approve the Right of a Child to Make a Disability Discrimination Claim (Schools) (Wales) Order 2011 (15 mins)

NDM4773 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Right of a Child to Make a Disability Discrimination Claim (Schools) (Wales) Order 2011 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 14 June 2011.

Supporting Document

[The Right of a Child to Make a Disability Discrimination Claim \(Schools\) \(Wales\) Order 2011](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#)

6. Debate on Improving School Standards (60 mins)

NDM4775 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

- a) The establishment of the School Standards Unit;
- b) The creation of a school banding (categorisation) system;
- c) The progress made on the 20 action points for school improvement identified by the Minister for Education and Skills in his statement on 2 February 2011.

A copy of the Statement is available at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2011/110202per/?lang=en>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Calls upon the Welsh Government to ensure that the Schools Standards Unit is accountable, fair, transparent and monitored on a regular basis.
2. Notes the creation of a school banding (categorisation) system.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to increase and maintain momentum in progressing the 20 point plan contained in the statement made by the Minister for Education and Skills on 2 February 2011, to ensure that Wales doesn't fall further behind on a national and international level.

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point b) after 'system' insert:

'but urges the Government to avoid the mistakes of previous school league tables'.

Amendment 3 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Insert at end of sub point b):

', and calls on the Government to publish the indicators, methodology and grade structure that will be used as part of this system'.

Amendment 4 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Government to publish the format and style of the new literacy and numeracy tests and outline how much time it expects teachers will spend administering and marking these tests.

Amendment 5 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that Welsh schools will improve school standards most effectively by increasing funding for schools, through a pupil premium.

7. Debate on Fairer Funding for Wales (60 mins)

NDM4776 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the consensus across Welsh civic society that the devolved funding settlement for Wales is no longer fit for purpose, and in support of that consensus:

- a) Endorses the Welsh Government's goal of securing a single and coherent package of reforms to the financial settlement for Wales and agrees that such a settlement must include:
 - i) a fairer funding regime, incorporating the Holtham floor, and the wider reform of the Barnett formula; and
 - ii) devolution of borrowing powers to fund capital investment and the right to raise capital funds;
- b) Welcomes the UK Government's commitment to take forward financial reform for Wales;
- c) Urges an early start to substantive discussions between the Welsh Government and the UK Government and supports the Welsh Government's commitment to take a constructive approach to all aspects of those discussions, including consideration of the case for strengthened financial accountability, in line with the recommendations of Part 2 of the Holtham Commission report with regard to appropriate fiscal responsibilities.

A copy of the Holtham Report can be found at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/icffw/home/report/fundingsettlement/;jsessionid=2Pp7TKDdMMpKIGwt5Syj48wkJQTLhw2KMQjYknY1nNGJ2X238TYY!-1092479367?lang=en>

8. Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM4774 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembokeshire): Watching Over Withybush: Why services must stay put

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Wednesday, 6 July 2011