

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date: 16 September 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Minister for Public Services

(45 mins)

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### 2 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business

(45 mins)

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### 3 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

**NDM5820 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the Welsh Government's persistent failure to provide sufficient support to Wales's businesses.
2. Expresses deep concern by the loss of jobs at businesses in receipt of Welsh Government grant funding.



3. Believes that the process of due diligence utilised by the Welsh Government prior to providing grant support for businesses has proved inadequate.
4. Regrets the Welsh Government's failure to spend public money effectively in support of Welsh businesses.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to undertake a comprehensive review of its failures in business support, including a re-prioritisation to provide more backing for small and medium-sized enterprises.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to support the financing needs of Welsh businesses through establishing a business development bank for Wales.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to address the burden of business rates by extending the small business rate relief scheme.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to secure new trade opportunities for Welsh businesses by implementing Plaid Cymru's Overseas Trade Initiative.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]*

**Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert at end of point 5:

', improved access to finance and enable high quality business support and advice'

## **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

(60 mins)

**NDM5821 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the repeated and persistent failure of the Welsh Government to meet its own key targets linked to the delivery of key public services; and the damaging consequences this has for the people of Wales.
2. Believes that the Welsh Government must show absolute transparency in measuring public service performance.
3. Fears that the removal, redefinition or altering of targets linked to public service delivery prevents the people of Wales from adequately holding the Welsh Government to account, and distorts the scrutiny of its long-term, repeated failure.

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Insert at end of point 2:

'including ensuring that data is collected and published in a way that ensures performance can be compared with other nations'

## **5 Plaid Cymru Debate**

(60 mins)

**NDM5822 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that any increases in the block grant which result from an increase in UK Government health expenditure, are invested in Welsh health and social care services.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the importance of investment in safe nurse staffing levels which have a significant impact on patient care and the recruitment and retention of staff.

**Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that parity for mental healthcare is a priority for future investment in the Welsh health service.

**Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure improving access to GPs is a priority for future investment in the Welsh health service.

## **6 Voting Time**

## **7 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM5819 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Fracking: Implementing a moratorium for Wales

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 September 2015

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 9 September 2015 for answer on 16 September 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 Public Services

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

**1. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities following the UK Government's response to the Syrian refugee crisis? OAQ(4)0597(PS)

**2. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on his priorities for local government in Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)0598(PS)

**3. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** Will the Minister make a statement on access to justice in the Rhondda Cynon Taf area? OAQ(4)0601(PS)

**4. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of public services in south east Wales? OAQ(4)0606(PS)

**5. John Griffiths (Newport East):** What additional support will the Minister provide to public services in Wales in light of the Syrian refugee crisis? OAQ(4)0610(PS)

**6. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on implementing the Williams Commission's recommendations? OAQ(4)0603(PS)

**7. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government supports town twinning initiatives? OAQ(4)0608(PS)

**8. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the number of principal councillors in Wales? OAQ(4)0596(PS)R

**9. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the Minister make a statement on local government reorganisation in Wales? OAQ(4)0599(PS)

**10. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government initiatives to combat domestic violence? OAQ(4)0612(PS)

**11. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister make a statement on local government reorganisation in south east Wales? OAQ(4)0607(PS)

**12. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the future governance of fire and rescue services? OAQ(4)0611(PS)

**13. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities regarding the recent UK Government announcement on accepting Syrian refugees? OAQ(4)0602(PS)

**14. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister outline his priorities for local government in South Wales Central for the remainder of the fourth Assembly? OAQ(4)0604(PS)

**15. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's policy for helping Armed Forces veterans in Wales? OAQ(4)0600(PS)

## **To ask the Minister for Finance and Government Business**

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

**1. William Graham (South Wales East):** What consideration did the Minister give to South Wales East when allocating funding to the Economy, Science and Transport portfolio? OAQ(4)0592(FIN)

**2. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** What discussions has the Minister had regarding providing additional funding to departmental budgets in the wake of the recent UK Government announcement on accepting Syrian refugees? OAQ(4)0593(FIN)

**3. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly):** Will the Minister make a statement about the relationship between the Welsh Government's public procurement policy and the provisions of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015? OAQ(4)0594(FIN)

**4. John Griffiths (Newport East):** Will the Minister make a statement on discussions held with the UK Government regarding its spending plans? OAQ(4)0601(FIN)

**5. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on effective budgeting? OAQ(4)0595(FIN)

**6. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's procurement policy? OAQ(4)0590(FIN)

**7. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What additional funding will the Minister allocate to the Minister for Natural Resources to support renewable energy? OAQ(4)0599(FIN)W

**8. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister make a statement on EU funding for wave and tidal energy projects? OAQ(4)0604(FIN)

**9. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What discussions has the Minister held with the UK Government regarding sufficient funding for accepting refugees, in light of the recent crisis? OAQ(4)0600(FIN)W

**10. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the use of any additional funding resulting from the UK Government's recent budget? OAQ(4)0603(FIN)W

**11. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the Minister make a statement on the budget allocations made to the health and social services portfolio? OAQ(4)0602(FIN)W

**12. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide an update on the development of a Welsh Treasury function? OAQ(4)0597(FIN)

**13. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on procurement policies in the Welsh public sector? OAQ(4)0591(FIN)

**14. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement on ensuring value for money across the Welsh Government's budget? OAQ(4)0598(FIN)

**15. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the allocation of funding to the Communities and Tackling Poverty portfolio? OAQ(4)0596(FIN)