

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

(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

(15 mins)

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3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(15 mins)

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4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5854 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the vital role international connectivity plays in underpinning economic growth through inward investment, trade and tourism;

2. Believes the Welsh Government should adopt a clear plan to enhance international connectivity in Wales;



3. Notes the opportunities to boost international connectivity in Wales by:

a) returning Cardiff Airport to private ownership; and

b) dividing proceeds from its sale between both infrastructure investment and returning original investment to Wales's taxpayers.

4. Recognises the opportunities to boost international connectivity in Wales by supporting the important role Wales's ports play in delivering growth and creating jobs;

5. Believes that to improve international connectivity in Wales, the Welsh Government must bring forward clear plans to improve the A40 to Fishguard and A55 to Holyhead; and

6. Further recognises the role the Heart of Wales Line can play as a transport corridor for Mid Wales, and its potential role in driving the connectivity of Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government's stated intention of identifying a private sector operator for Cardiff Airport at the time of purchase and calls for a written update on progress in this regard.

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

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the opportunities to boost international connectivity in Wales by:

a) supporting the growth of Cardiff Airport as an entry point to Wales

b) supporting connectivity between Wales and key hub airports such as London Heathrow and Manchester.

Amendment 3 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan) – Withdrawn

Delete point 3 and renumber accordingly.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 6 and replace with:

Further recognises the role of Welsh rail lines in securing internal and external connectivity, and supports;

- a) developing the Heart of Wales Line.
- b) electrification of the North Wales Coast Line.
- c) electrification of the Great Western Main Line and Valley Lines.
- d) electrification of the Welsh Marches Line.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes significant gaps in rail electrification projects in the Welsh Government's National Transport Finance Plan and calls on the Welsh Government to include electrification of the Ebbw Vale, Barry Island, Vale of Glamorgan, Penarth and Maesteg lines.

[The National Transport Finance Plan](#)

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide funding for a feasibility study into reinstating rail links between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen to link up with the existing network.

5 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on the inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse

(60 mins)

NDM5851 David Rees (Aberavon)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report by the Health and Social Care Committee on its inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse, which was laid in the Table Office on 5 August 2015.

Note: The response of the Minister for Health and Social Services was laid on 14 October 2015.

Supporting Documents

[Health and Social Care Committee's Report](#)

[Health and Social Care Committee's Summary Report](#)

[Welsh Government's Response](#)

6 Plaid Cymru Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5852 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls for an immediate moratorium on any expenditure and planning of the M4 'Black Route' until a mandate has been given by the people of Wales when they elect the next Welsh Government in the May 2016 Assembly election.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete all and replace with:

Welcome that the budget deal agreed between the Welsh Government and the Welsh Liberal Democrats ensured "that no construction of an M4 relief road would start before the next Assembly elections" in May 2016 and that a detailed Environmental Impact Study on the Welsh Government's preferred 'Black Route' would be commissioned.

[The Welsh Government and Welsh Liberal Democrats: Joint Statement](#)

In support:

Edwina Hart (Gower)

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

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete all and replace with:

Acknowledges that any delay in the development of a suitable M4 relief road – subject to comprehensive exploration of all viable options – impedes future growth of the Welsh economy, tourism and social integration.

7 Voting Time

8 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5853 Lynne Neagle (Torfaen)

Tackling Youth Homelessness – end the use of bed and breakfast accommodation for all 16 and 17 year olds in Wales.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 14 October 2015 for answer on 21 October 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)

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To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

1. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What policies will the Welsh Government introduce to grow the Welsh economy before the next Assembly election? OAQ(4)0621(EST)

2. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister provide an update on improving commuter journey times in south east Wales? OAQ(4)0629(EST)

3. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): What does the Minister consider to be the principal barriers for the development of businesses across Wales? OAQ(4)0625(EST)

4. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What support is available for manufacturing businesses in North Wales? OAQ(4)0622(EST)

5. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's transport priorities for west Wales? OAQ(4)0635(EST)W

6. John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on the promotion of cycling? OAQ(4)0630(EST)

7. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on communications between the Welsh Government and Network Rail? OAQ(4)0636(EST)

8. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the Minister make a statement on school transport provision? OAQ(4)0632(EST)

9. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on school transport? OAQ(4)0634(EST)W

10. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's economic priorities for Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)0620(EST)

11. Altaf Hussain (South Wales West): What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve bus services in Wales? OAQ(4)0628(EST)

12. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on rail travel in the Swansea city region? OAQ(4)0619(EST)

13. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What are the Welsh Government's priorities for improving the economy of Wales? OAQ(4)0626(EST)

14. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on marine energy developments off the Anglesey coast? OAQ(4)0631(EST)W

15. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the public service vehicle accessibility regulations on bus service operators? OAQ(4)0627(EST)

To ask the Counsel General

1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What representations has the Counsel General made in relation to whether Trade Union Bill is within the Assembly's legislative competence? OAQ(4)0083(CG)W

2. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): How will the Wales Bill impact on the accessibility of devolved legislation in Wales? OAQ(4)0084(CG)W

To ask the Assembly Commission

1. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Commission make a statement on the events held as part of Senedd@Swansea week? OAQ(4)0089(AC)