

# Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 November 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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## 1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources

(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 Communities and Tackling Poverty

(45 mins)

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## 3 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Steel Industry Meetings

(30 mins)

## 4 Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2016/17

(30 mins)

**NDM5868 David Melding (South Wales Central)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.16:



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Agrees the budget of the Assembly Commission for 2016–17, as specified in table 1 of the 'National Assembly for Wales Assembly Commission Budget 2016–17', laid before the Assembly on 4 November 2015 and that it be incorporated in the Annual Budget Motion under Standing Order 20.26 (ii).

**Supporting documents:**

[Assembly Commission Budget document](#)

[Finance Committee's Report](#)

## **5 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

(60 mins)

**NDM5869 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Values the significant contribution which older people make to social and economic life in Wales;
2. Rejects all forms of ageism towards older people in Wales;
3. Regrets that older people who wish to return to the workforce in Wales are not able to access the same level of support as younger people;
4. Regrets that a lack of access to public transport can inhibit the ability of older people to access social and economic opportunities; and
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to review the support available for older people to maximise opportunities for them to contribute to social and economic life in Wales.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that the number of people aged 50 and over who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) is estimated to be three times as many as those

under 25 and calls on the Welsh Government to design and implement a specific programme to improve the skills and employability prospects of people over 50 who are NEET.

### **Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises that younger workers and older workers who wish to return to the workforce have different employment support needs and that employment programmes should be designed accordingly.

### **Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point 5 and re-number accordingly:

Regrets that cuts to local authority budgets may reduce the level of services available to help older people live independently.

## **6 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

(60 mins)

### **NDM5871 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Remembers and honours those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom;
2. Pays tribute to those who have served in the Armed Forces and notes the moral obligation owed to them by people across Wales;
3. Believes that the establishment of an Armed Forces Commissioner for Wales would provide improved services and outcomes for the Armed Forces community;
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) establish a veterans' card, offering a series of benefits for service personnel and veterans in recognition of their service;
  - b) implement a veterans needs assessment as a basis for service delivery; and

c) protect veterans injured before April 2005 by ensuring that their War Disablement Pension is not taken from them when they access social care.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

3. Welcomes the fact that all local authorities in Wales have appointed Armed Forces Community Covenant Champions;

4. Welcomes the success of the Defence Privilege Card in Wales;

5. Welcomes the Welsh Government's commitment to the package of support for the Armed Forces.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]*

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

In point 4, delete sub-point a) and replace with:

provide an update on a pilot scheme for a veterans' card to offer benefits for service personnel and veterans in recognition of their service.

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

In point 4, add as new sub-point:

work with the UK Government to ensure that veterans receive proper compensation for mesothelioma due to service.

**Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes schemes such as Change Step, which offer peer mentoring and advice for veterans and their families, and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that there is sufficient funding for mental health services for veterans to sustain these vital services.

## **7 Plaid Cymru Debate**

(60 mins)

### **NDM5870 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that childcare costs in Wales are amongst the most expensive in the developed world;
2. Notes that families in Wales receive less free childcare than their counterparts in England and Scotland;
3. Recognises the importance of early education to raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils;
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to provide a consistent amount of free childcare and early education throughout Wales.

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the funding secured in the 2014 budget deal between the Welsh Liberal Democrats and the Welsh Government for £0.4 million over two years to implement a feasibility study and pilot childcare scheme for students in further education.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

### **NDM5867 Altaf Hussain (South Wales West)**

Hospital-acquired infections: The challenges and solutions

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 November 2015