

Agenda – Plenary

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:



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

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 4 November 2015 for answer on 11 November 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 Natural Resources

- 1. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What action will the Welsh Government take to improve animal welfare in Wales before the next Assembly elections? OAQ(4)0365(NR)
- 2. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on changes to the process of publishing information about farms infected with TB? OAQ(4)0380(NR)W
- 3. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government policies to support farmers? OAQ(4)0378(NR)
- 4. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the membership of the Natural Resources Wales board? OAQ(4)0370(NR)
- 5. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on statutory consultees in the planning process? OAQ(4)0372(NR)
- 6. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the procedures for managing releases from reservoirs? OAQ(4)0371(NR)
- 7. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on community farms in Wales? OAQ(4)0366(NR)
- 8. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to promote the use of the local environment in west Wales? OAQ(4)0367(NR)
- 9. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for areas of outstanding natural beauty? OAQ(4)0376(NR)
- 10. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly):** What guidance does the Welsh Government give to local authorities when putting together their respective Local Development Plans? OAQ(4)0373(NR)

11. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What criteria will the Minister use to single out a planning authority as one which is underperforming? OAQ(4)0374(NR)W

12. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister make a statement on special protection areas for sea birds in Wales? OAQ(4)0377(NR)

13. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What steps will the Welsh Government be taking to ensure that the planning system is suitable for rural areas? OAQ(4)0375(NR)W

14. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister provide an update on any discussions he has had about the effectiveness of MTAN2 guidance? OAQ(4)0379(NR)

15. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the restoration of Selar North opencast site? OAQ(4)0369(NR)

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

1. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's progress towards meeting its affordable homes target? OAQ(4)0387(CTP)

2. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What is the Welsh Government doing to create more cohesive communities in west Wales? OAQ(4)0381(CTP)

3. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): What encouragement is the Minister giving to the community housing sector to provide affordable housing in line with demand? OAQ(4)0396(CTP)W

4. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Houses into Homes Scheme? OAQ(4)0386(CTP)

5. Janet Haworth (North Wales): Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to encourage volunteering in North Wales? OAQ(4)0391(CTP)

6. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the Discretionary Assistance Fund for Wales? OAQ(4)0390(CTP)W

7. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on children and young people's rights and entitlements? OAQ(4)0384(CTP)

8. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of support for young care leavers at risk of homelessness? OAQ(4)0380(CTP)

9. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the levels of in work poverty? OAQ(4)0389(CTP)

10. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What monitoring does the Welsh Government do to ensure that Flying Start works for those who need it most? OAQ(4)0394(CTP)

11. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on community assets? OAQ(4)0393(CTP)

12. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of Flying Start within the Taff Ely area? OAQ(4)0383(CTP)

13. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on work in the western valleys regeneration area? OAQ(4)0382(CTP)

14. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister provide an update on plans for receiving Syrian refugees in Wales? OAQ(4)0395(CTP)

15. Keith Davies (Llanelli): What assessment has been made of the performance of the Welsh Government's Vibrant and Viable Places scheme? OAQ(4)0392(CTP)W