

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 2 December 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

(45 mins)

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3 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

(60 mins)

NDM5881

David Rees (Aberavon)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of steel production to the Welsh economy.



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2. Calls on the Welsh Government to continue to do all that it can to support the steel industry during these difficult times.

3. Calls on the UK Government to take urgent action on a number of areas including addressing the high energy costs faced by energy intensive industries in Wales, such as steel, to ensure they can be competitive with other European producers in a global market.

Supported by:

Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East)

William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

Peter Black (South Wales West)

Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

John Griffiths (Newport East)

Lynne Neagle (Torfaen)

Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly)

Keith Davies (Llanelli)

William Graham (South Wales East)

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales)

Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent) R

Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5898 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the UK Government's spending review and autumn statement;
2. Welcomes the introduction of a Barnett Floor at 115 per cent of comparable spending per head in England; and
3. Notes that capital spending in Wales will rise by over £900 million.

[Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015: documents](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

At the end of point 2 insert:

'and notes the need to have a formal inter-government agreement to secure a long-lasting outcome'

Supported by:

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the UK Government U-turn on scrapping tax credits, but notes with concern that cuts to universal credit could result in similar loss for low-income families by 2020.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the delay in the delivery of electrification of the Great Western mainline from London to Swansea and lack of update on the electrification of the North Wales line.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the lack of clarity over the extent of financial support for a city deal for Cardiff.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the omission of the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon project from the autumn statement.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the 22 per cent cut to the UK Department for Energy and Climate Change, which threatens our ability to meet climate change and decarbonisation targets in Wales.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the £1.7 million cut in funding for S4C, despite the Welsh Conservatives manifesto commitment to 'safeguard the funding and editorial independence of S4C'.

[The Conservative Party Welsh Manifesto 2015](#)

[If amendment 7 is moved, amendment 13 will be de-selected]

Amendment 8 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK Government and the Welsh Government to work together to update the analysis of Gerry Holtham on Wales's underfunding, and then increase the block grant to the equitable level.

[Fairness and accountability: a new funding settlement for Wales](#)

Amendment 9 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Wales – unlike Scotland and Northern Ireland – will not receive a full Barnett consequential as a result of the high speed 2 project.

Amendment 10 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes an increase of around £945 million to Wales's consequential share of increased health spending in England and calls for the Welsh Government to ring-fence this sum for health and care budgets in Wales.

Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the scrapping of nursing bursaries in England and their replacement with loans, which will impact negatively on future workforce planning and recruitment for the NHS in Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to confirm whether funding for nursing studies in Wales will remain.

Amendment 12 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the capping of housing benefit to the local housing allowance rate in the social sector which presents a risk to the most vulnerable and calls on the Welsh Government to clarify the impact of this decision on homelessness and other supported accommodation services in Wales.

Amendment 13 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the UK Government's decision to break a manifesto commitment to protect S4C's budget.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5896 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that small businesses are an integral part of Wales's national and community economies.

2. Welcomes the role that Small Business Saturday plays in championing Wales's small businesses.

3. Recognises the contribution that small businesses make in ensuring the identity of local communities and promoting their unique culture and heritage;

4. Acknowledges that small, local businesses provide a gateway into employment for many young people; and

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) Offer a better support package for small businesses to enhance the contribution they make to Welsh socio-economic life;

b) Develop infrastructure across Wales to better serve the growth prospects for Wales's small businesses.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

At the end of sub-point 5a insert:

'including creating a small business administration within a Welsh development bank, tasked with providing business support in a 'one-stop shop' and varied access to finance'

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

At the end of sub-point 5b insert:

'including digital infrastructure'

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 5:

tackle barriers that prevent microbusinesses in Wales from growing, in order to develop a Welsh "Mittelstand".

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 5:

extend the small business rate relief scheme to cover all businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or less, ensure that new enterprises will not pay any business rates for the first year of operation and revalue properties for business rates purposes every three years.

6 Voting Time

7 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5897 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

Wasting our talent? Women and the economy in Wales.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 December 2015

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 25 November 2015 for answer on 2 December 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 Health and Social Services

1. John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government progress in delivering greater integrated health and social care? OAQ(4)0664(HSS)

2. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on access to primary and community care services in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0659(HSS)

3. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the recruitment and retention of doctors in the Welsh NHS? OAQ(4)0660(HSS)

4. John Griffiths (Newport East): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for preventative healthcare measures in Wales? OAQ(4)0665(HSS)

5. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): Will the Minister make a statement on breastfeeding rates in Wales? OAQ(4)0669(HSS)

6. Altaf Hussain (South Wales West): What is the Welsh Government doing to improve access to stratified medicines in Wales? OAQ(4)0661(HSS)

7. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on maternity services in north Wales? OAQ(4)0670(HSS)W

8. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on HIV treatment within the Welsh NHS? OAQ(4)0667(HSS)

9. Altaf Hussain (South Wales West): What actions is the Welsh Government taking to tackle treatment waiting times in Wales? OAQ(4)0662(HSS)

10. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline what measures are being implemented to improve the performance of the Welsh Ambulance Services? OAQ(4)0656(HSS)

11. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on winter pressures in the Welsh NHS? OAQ(4)0671(HSS)W

12. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on senior appointments in the Welsh NHS? OAQ(4)0655(HSS)

13. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on maternity services in north Wales? OAQ(4)0657(HSS)W

14. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What plans does the Welsh Government have to improve services for pancreatic cancer patients in Wales? OAQ(4)0658(HSS)

15. Janet Haworth (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the progress made since Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was placed into special measures? OAQ(4)0663(HSS)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

1. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East): What arrangements are in place to make sure that there will be enough educational psychologists to work in schools in Wales? OAQ(4)0652(ESK)

2. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the success of the pupil deprivation grant to date in bridging the gap in attainment between pupils from poor and better off households? OAQ(4)0662(ESK)

3. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on plans to reorganise post-16 education in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0651(ESK)

4. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister provide an update on how children affected by parental imprisonment are supported within the Welsh education system? OAQ(4)0655(ESK)

5. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on school federation as an alternative to closure in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0654(ESK)

6. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister outline what measures are being implemented to improve education standards across South Wales Central? OAQ(4)0648(ESK)

7. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools programme in Islwyn? OAQ(4)0653(ESK)

8. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the advice provided to schools on visiting continental Europe? OAQ(4)0656(ESK)

9. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the apprenticeship levy on Wales? OAQ(4)0658(ESK)W

10. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on the funding of schools in Wales? OAQ(4)0649(ESK)

11. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): What assessment has the Minister made of local authorities' interpretation of the Education (Pupil Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2010 and the All Wales Attendance Framework 2011 relating to 'family holidays during term time'? OAQ(4)0661(ESK)

12. Mike Hedges (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the 21st Century school building programme in Swansea? OAQ(4)0647(ESK)

13. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision for pupils with special educational needs? OAQ(4)0660(ESK)

14. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the introduction of the Welsh baccalaureate at key stage 4? OAQ(4)0659(ESK)

15. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government efforts to support young people from education to employment? OAQ(4)0650(ESK)