

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business

(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 Public Services

(45 mins)

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3 Motions to elect Members to committees

(5 mins)

NDM5879 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Lindsay Whittle (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee in place of Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru);

(ii) Bethan Jenkins (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee in place of Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Plaid Cymru).



NDM5880 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in place of Bethan Jenkins (Plaid Cymru).

NDM5886 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects John Griffiths (Labour) as an alternate member of the Standards of Conduct Committee in place of Ann Jones (Labour).

4 Plaid Cymru Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5877 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Opposes the renewal or replacement of the current Trident system by the UK Government; and
2. Supports international efforts for world-wide nuclear disarmament.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete all and replace with:

Supports international efforts for world-wide nuclear disarmament, but recognises that this is a matter for the UK Government.

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

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete all and replace with:

Believes the replacement of Trident is vital to ensure national security.

Expresses gratitude to the men and women who work every day to safeguard and provide the United Kingdom's independent nuclear deterrent, which has helped maintain peace for many years.

Further notes that the siting of nuclear deterrents is a reserved matter and therefore not within the Welsh Government's remit.

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the decision taken by the UK Government not to renew Trident during the last parliamentary term at the insistence of the Liberal Democrats.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5875 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the negative impact that delayed transfers of care can have on the Welsh NHS and an individual's quality of life;
2. Recognises the importance of ensuring that people in Wales have the necessary support to enable them to remain in their own home for as long as possible; and
3. Believes that introducing the option of a 'stay at home' assessment in Wales for all people upon retirement age could provide a key early intervention measure which could prevent hospitalisation and delayed transfers of care upon leaving hospital.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 3

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure immediate steps are taken to ensure that bed capacity in the Welsh NHS is maximised, in particular during winter months.

6 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5878 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that over 170,000 people in Wales are employed directly and indirectly in tourism and related sectors;
2. Notes that 44 per cent of people employed within the tourism sector are under 30 years old, and therefore measures to support this sector could play a key role in reducing the youth unemployment rate in Wales;
3. Believes that a reduction in VAT on tourism would encourage more domestic and international visitors, provide a significant boost to local businesses and lead to increased investment, jobs and economic growth.
4. Notes that 25 other EU Member States already take advantage of an EU dispensation for a lower VAT rate on tourist attractions and accommodation; and
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to make representations to the UK Government to lower the VAT on tourism from 20 per cent to 5 per cent, to help us compete with other European countries and send a strong message that Wales is open to tourists and open for business.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the role that private tourism businesses play in local regeneration, as well as the wider Welsh economy.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that some tourism providers remain unclear as to Visit Wales's role.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that there is widespread support for transferring responsibility for delivering tourism development and promotion from the Welsh Government.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a value for money assessment of Destination Management Plans before the end of January 2016.

7 Voting Time

8 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5876 Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)

War on food waste: End the waste of good food in Wales

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 November 2015

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 11 November 2015 for answer on 18 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 Finance and Government Business

1. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the role of European funding in contributing to growth and jobs in Islwyn?

OAQ(4)0627(FIN)

2. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on progress in relation to the Welsh Government's new taxation powers?

OAQ(4)0636(FIN)

3. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister provide an update on invest-to-save? OAQ(4)0621(FIN)

4. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the devolution of Stamp Duty Land Tax? OAQ(4)0633(FIN)W

5. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): How does the Minister encourage Welsh companies to tender for Welsh Government procurement contracts?

OAQ(4)0630(FIN)W

6. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What assessment has the Minister made of the implications for Wales of the 30 per cent cuts agreed by the UK Government's transport, local government and environment departments? OAQ(4)0624(FIN)

7. John Griffiths (Newport East): What additional funding is the Minister allocating to the Communities and Tackling Poverty Portfolio to fund the third sector? OAQ(4)0631(FIN)

8. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister make a statement on EU funded programmes in north-east Wales? OAQ(4)0629(FIN)

9. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the Minister make a statement on the European Structural Funds' recently approved schemes in west Wales?

OAQ(4)0625(FIN)W

10. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister provide an update on the development of new Welsh taxes? OAQ(4)0628(FIN)

11. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on reform of the Barnett formula? OAQ(4)0635(FIN)

12. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister outline what discussions she has had recently regarding the budget allocation to the Public Services portfolio? OAQ(4)0634(FIN)

13. Janet Haworth (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the future allocations to the Natural Resources portfolio? OAQ(4)0626(FIN)

14. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Will the Minister make a statement on how European Structural Funds are being used to improve employment opportunities in the Cynon Valley? OAQ(4)0622(FIN)

15. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What consideration has the Minister given to making additional resources available to deal with any adverse winter pressures? OAQ(4)0620(FIN)

To ask the Minister for Public Services

1. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the effect of cuts to police funding on public safety in Wales? OAQ(4)647(PS)W

2. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on consultations undertaken by public bodies? OAQ(4)0645(PS)W

3. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on the value of collaborative arrangements, led by public bodies, in the delivery of service improvements? OAQ(4)0638(PS)

4. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister provide the latest information on the steps taken to reduce spending on the salaries of senior officers in public services in Wales? OAQ(4)0644(PS)W

5. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on improving community safety in Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)0633(PS)

6. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister explain what factors are taken into account by local authorities when they are making cuts to public services? OAQ(4)0634(PS)

7. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): How many of the 62 recommendations made by the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery have been implemented? OAQ(4)0632(PS)

- 8. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** What guidance does the Welsh Government provide on transparency and accountability in local government? OAQ(4)0639(PS)
- 9. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the privatisation of public services in public bodies in Wales? OAQ(4)0640(PS)
- 10. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government will be implementing the new Local Government (Wales) Bill? OAQ(4)0635(PS)
- 11. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** What discussions has the Minister had with local government in Wales regarding local government funding in 2016-17? OAQ(4)0643(PS)
- 12. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement about the local government settlement for 2016/17? OAQ(4)0636(PS)
- 13. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the discussions that he has had with local authorities in respect of winter pressures? OAQ(4)0631(PS)
- 14. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding Police Support Officers' pay and conditions? OAQ(4)0642(PS)W
- 15. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** What discussions has the Minister had regarding voter registration in Wales? OAQ(4)0637(PS)