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Agenda - Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr - Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 10 February 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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Ouestions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business 1 (45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Minister for Public Services

(45 mins)

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Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) 3 (60 mins)

NNDM5942

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:



- 1. Deplores the number of bank branch closures in Wales, and in particular the frequency of closures even when the bank branch may be the last bank in the area.
- 2. Calls on banks to consider the impact of bank branch closures on urban and rural communities and individuals, especially older people and small businesses before final decisions on closures are made.
- 3. Calls on banks to carry out meaningful consultation, including local community organisations, pensioner organisations and business groups before final closure decisions, especially when the bank branch concerned is the only one remaining in the area.
- 4. Calls on the UK Government, the Welsh Government and the Financial Conduct Authority to ensure that they take the impact of bank branch closures into account when formulating their respective policies on financial services, economic development, and financial regulation.

Supported by:

Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire)

Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales)

Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

John Griffiths (Newport East)

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

David Rees (Aberavon)

Sandy Mewies (Delyn)

Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales)

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)

Gwyn Price (Islwyn)

Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales)

4 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee report on Supply Teaching

(60 mins)

NDM5951 Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee on the inquiry into Supply Teaching, which was <u>laid</u> in the Table Office on 16 December 2015.

The response by the Welsh Government was <u>laid</u> on 3 February 2016.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5952 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Welcomes the UK Government's intention to devolve the specification and procurement of the next Wales and Borders rail franchise.
- 2. Notes with alarm the UK Government's intention to remove some services from that franchise prior to its devolution.
- 3. Notes that such a restriction does not and has not applied to rail franchising with respect to Scotland.

4. Believes that radically re-drawing the service map of the Wales and Borders franchise would undermine the devolution of transport functions and harm the interests of rail passengers in Wales and the Borders.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the importance of cross-border rail connections to Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham to the economies of north and mid Wales.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete points 2, 3 and 4.

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

Amendment 3 - Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at end of point 2:

', in particular the removal of cross-border routes which may undermine the commercial attractiveness of the franchise'

6 Plaid Cymru Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5954 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Recognises the value to the Welsh economy of hosting major events in Wales.
- 2. Calls for the development of a Commonwealth Games bid with Wales as the host nation in 2026 or 2030.

- 3. Calls for the development of a bid to bring a cycling Grand Tour to Wales, for both men and women.
- 4. Calls for an official send off in this Assembly for the Wales football team ahead of this year's UEFA Euro 2016;
- 5. Calls for the establishment of 'fan zones' across Wales so those that don't attend the UEFA Euro 2016 can support their team at home.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that every major event needs effective management and transport planning to ensure a high-quality experience for visitors and to minimise disruption for local residents and businesses.

7 Stage 4 Debate on the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

NDM5956 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5953 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

The importance of rural schools: How schools are the lifeblood of a rural community.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 23 February 2016

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 3 February 2016 for answer on 10 February 2016

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. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What discussions has the Minister had regarding the budget allocation to the Public Services portfolio? OAQ(4)0655(FIN)
- 2. <u>Peter Black (South Wales West):</u> Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the Welsh Government's budget on South Wales West? OAQ(4)0658(FIN)
- 3. <u>Keith Davies (Llanelli)</u>: Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the Welsh procurement policy statement? OAQ(4)0659(FIN)W
- **4.** <u>Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):</u> How much Welsh made products have been procured in relation to Welsh Government-awarded construction and infrastructure projects over the term of the fourth Assembly? OAQ(4)0657(FIN)
- 5. <u>Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales)</u>: Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's use of European funding? OAQ(4)0665(FIN)
- **6. John Griffiths (Newport East):** Will the Minister provide details of meetings held with the UK Government regarding the funding of infrastructure projects? OAQ(4)0669(FIN)
- 7. <u>William Powell (Mid and West Wales):</u> Will the Minister make a statement on the funding allocation to the Natural Resources portfolio in the 2016-17 draft budget? OAQ(4)0668(FIN)
- **8.** <u>Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):</u> What priorities were considered by the Welsh Government when allocating funding to the Education and Skills portfolio? OAQ(4)0662(FIN)
- **9.** <u>Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):</u> will the Minister provide an update on the opportunities provided by the impending new procurement powers? OAQ(4)0666(FIN)

- 10. <u>William Graham (South Wales East)</u>: Will the Minister make a statement on the objectives of Fairer, Better Wales Investing for the Future? OAQ(4)0663(FIN)
- 11. <u>Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):</u> Will the Minister make a statement on capital projects in west Wales? OAQ(4)0664(FIN)
- 12. <u>Darren Millar (Clwyd West):</u> Will the Minister make a statement on the financial support included in the draft budget for rural communities? OAQ(4)0654(FIN)
- 13. <u>Aled Roberts (North Wales):</u> What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding adjusting the funding for that portfolio? OAQ(4)0656(FIN)W
- 14. <u>Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):</u> What discussions has the Minister held with the Governor of the Bank of England regarding financial matters? OAQ(4)0661(FIN)W
- 15. <u>Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)</u>: Will the Minister make a statement on the effects of the budget on the Communities and Tackling Poverty portfolio? OAQ(4)0670(FIN)W

To ask the Minister for Public Services

- 1. <u>Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central)</u>: Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for Armed Forces veterans? OAQ(4)0673(PS)
- 2. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What plans does the Welsh Government have to increase support for victims of domestic abuse in Wales? OAQ(4)0663(PS)
- 3. <u>Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)</u>: What discussions has the Minister had with the WLGA regarding reform of the local government funding formula? OAQ(4)0675(PS)
- **4.** <u>Gwyn Price (Islwyn):</u> Will the Minister make a statement on local government funding in Wales? OAQ(4)0678(PS)
- 5. <u>Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):</u> Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's strategy for domestic violence? OAQ(4)0677(PS)W
- **6.** <u>Keith Davies (Llanelli):</u> Will the Minister provide an update on the impact of the local government settlement for 2016–17 on public services in Wales? OAO(4)0666(PS)**W**

- 7. <u>David Rees (Aberavon)</u>: Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's opposition to the UK Government's Trade Union Bill? OAQ(4)00668(PS)
- **8.** Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of fire services in Wales? OAQ(4)0664(PS)
- **9.** <u>Altaf Hussain (South Wales West):</u> What actions is the Welsh Government taking to improve community safety in Wales? OAQ(4)0669(PS)
- 10. <u>Mike Hedges (Swansea East):</u> Will the Minister make a statement on the impact that the Welsh local government formula has on the budget share for 2016–17? OAQ(4)0665(PS)
- 11. <u>Leanne Wood (South Wales Central)</u>: Will the Minister make a statement on the educational work carried out by the South Wales Fire Service? OAQ(4)0670(PS)
- 12. <u>Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):</u> Will the Minister make a statement on local authority engagement in west Wales? OAQ(4)0672(PS)
- 13. <u>Suzy Davies (South Wales West):</u> Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's plans for community councils? OAQ(4)0667(PS)
- 14. <u>Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)</u>: What research has the Minister undertaken with regard to the impact of an ageing population on the provision of local government services? OAQ(4)0676(PS)
- **15. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What are the numbers of women in the Cardiff and Vale health board area who have been identified as victims of FGM and referred for deinfibulation? OAQ(4)0674(PS)