

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

(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 Counsel General

(0 mins)

No questions tabled.

Urgent Question

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the ground-breaking news of the Aston Martin factory being secured for Wales?

EAQ(4)0682(EST)

3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(0 mins)

No questions tabled.

4 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee's report on its inquiry into Welsh in Education Strategic Plans

(60 mins)

NDM5974 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 Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPs), which was laid in the Table Office on 9 December 2015.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was laid on 17 February 2016.

Supporting Documents

[Children, Young People and Education Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's Response](#)

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), the amendment tabled to this motion has not been selected.

5 Debate on the report to the National Assembly for Wales on the activities of the Welsh representatives on the EU Committee of the Regions

(60 mins)

NDM925 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Committee of the Regions' report to the National Assembly for Wales, laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2016.

Supporting Document

[Committee of the Regions' Report](#)

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales):

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that Wales and the UK should remain members of the EU and resolves to build a stronger dialogue with European institutions such as the Committee of the Regions.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5976 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of empowering individuals and community groups to tackle issues of local significance;
2. Welcomes the campaign to trigger a referendum for the introduction of a directly elected mayor for Cardiff and notes the role that a similar position could play across Wales in enhancing local democracy, accountability and decision-making;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to take steps to foster a nation of active, informed, involved and engaged citizens by:
 - (a) introducing referenda on proposed council mergers and local authority council tax rises above a certain threshold so that individuals have more of a say over decision-making in their area;
 - (b) introducing new powers to better involve individuals in key local resolutions, such as the community right to bid and the community right to challenge, all under a community rights agenda; and
 - (c) lowering the petition threshold to trigger a referendum on directly elected mayors in a locality.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion):

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Believes that Plaid Cymru's proposals for local engagement, set out in the public services reform paper, provide a positive basis to achieve the aim of empowering individuals in the next Assembly.

['Public Service Reform: Plaid Cymru Policy Paper'](#)

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

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 2.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 3(a) and insert:

introducing STV for local government elections in order to ensure that councillors are more accountable to their constituents.

7 Voting Time

8 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5975 Russell George (Montgomeryshire)

Mobilising Mid Wales – why universal mobile coverage is needed to transform the mid Wales economy

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 1 March 2016

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 17 February 2016 for answer on [24 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 the Economy, Science and Transport](#)

1. [Gwenda Thomas \(Neath\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the development of the Welsh construction industry? OAQ(4)0672(EST)
2. [Altaf Hussain \(South Wales West\)](#): What discussions has the Minister had with Ministerial colleagues regarding the national transport infrastructure? OAQ(4)0674(EST)
3. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on support for manufacturing in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0679(EST)
4. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's transport priorities for west Wales? OAQ(4)0676(EST)
5. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#): What is the Welsh Government doing to improve the economy of west Wales? OAQ(4)0675(EST)
6. [Sandy Mewies \(Delyn\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on improvement works to the A55? OAQ(4)0673(EST)
7. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's priorities for supporting increased investment in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0678(EST)
8. [Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on inward investment into west Wales? OAQ(4)0677(EST)
9. [Gwyn Price \(Islwyn\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Wales micro-business loan fund? OAQ(4)0680(EST)
10. [Mohammad Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#): What action is the Welsh Government taking to promote tourism in South Wales East? OAQ(4)0670(EST)

11. [Aled Roberts \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the savings delivery plans that are due to be prepared by trunk road agents? OAQ(4)0681 (EST)W

12. [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the co-ordination of bus and rail services in mid Wales? OAQ(4)0671 (EST)

To ask the Counsel General

No questions tabled.

To ask the Assembly Commission

No questions tabled.