

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 November 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

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#### 2 90 Second Statements (5 mins)

#### 3 Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2017–18 (30 mins)

##### NDM6139 [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 20.16:

Agrees the budget of the Assembly Commission for 2017–18, as specified in Table 1 of the "National Assembly for Wales Assembly Commission Budget 2017–18", [laid before](#) the Assembly on 9 November 2016 and that it be incorporated in the Annual Budget Motion under Standing Order 20.26 (ii).

#### Supporting documents



[Finance Committee report – Scrutiny of the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2017–18](#)

[Assembly Commission response letter to the Finance Committee](#)

## 4 Plaid Cymru debate

(30 mins)

### NDM6145 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the significant contribution made by workers from overseas to the care and treatment of patients within the NHS.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government, through negotiation with the UK Government, to secure powers to issue work permits for overseas nationals to work in the Welsh NHS.

The following amendments have been tabled:

#### Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the UK Government to ensure the Welsh NHS remains able to recruit qualified healthcare workers born and trained overseas, if and when necessary, after the UK leaves the EU, and to explore all options to facilitate that.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]*

#### Amendment 2. [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\):](#)

Delete point 2.

#### Amendment 3. [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\):](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to support sensible UK immigration controls, including a work-permit and visa regime to fill skills gaps in the Welsh NHS.

## 5 Plaid Cymru debate

(30 mins)

### NDM6146 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the UK Government is reported to have received £8 billion from the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (MPS), in accordance with current arrangements which sees it receiving 50 percent of the MPS surplus, and further notes that the UK Government received £750 million in surplus payments in 2014 alone;
2. Calls for a review of the fifty-fifty surplus sharing arrangement between the UK Government and MPS, as advocated by the National Union of Mineworkers.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with other devolved administrations, and local and regional leaders in England, to secure a UK Government review of the MPS surplus arrangements and to seek a continuation of the UK Government to act as guarantor of the MPS.

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#):**

Add as new point at end of Motion:

Recognises that the presence of the guarantee has enabled the trustees to invest in a way that has generated surpluses and as a consequence bonuses to members.

## 6 Welsh Conservatives debate

(60 mins)

### NDM6140 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the important and valuable contribution made to Welsh society by older people.
2. Believes that older people deserve dignity and respect, as well as independence and the freedom to make decisions about their own lives.
3. Regrets the Welsh Government's failure to provide security for older people by setting a cap on costs and protecting £100,000 of assets for those in residential care ensuring people do not lose their life savings and homes to care costs.
4. Notes the findings from a dementia report produced by the Older People's Commissioner for Wales that highlighted the difficulties those with dementia have in accessing the information, support, and services that can make a big difference to their lives.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) Introduce an Older People's Rights Bill, to extend and promote the rights of older people;
  - b) Place a duty on public sector bodies to consult older people when making decisions which affect their lives; and
  - c) Make Wales the first dementia-friendly nation in the UK.

#### ['Dementia Report'](#)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to increase the capital limit to £50,000, which will enable more people in Wales to keep more of their assets when entering residential care.

#### **Amendment 2. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

Add as new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the ongoing delays by the UK Government to the reform of the arrangements for paying for care.

**Amendment 3. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Notes that:

- a) the Older People's Commissioner for Wales has suggested an Older People's Rights Bill for Wales;
- b) the Welsh Government supports the principles of a Bill;
- c) the Welsh Government will take further action to make Wales a dementia friendly country through developing and implementing a new national dementia plan.

*[If amendment 3 is agreed, amendments 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be de-selected]*

**Amendment 4. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

Delete sub-point 5a), and replace with:

'supports the work of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales in working towards extending and promoting the rights of older people;'

**Amendment 5. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

Delete sub-point 5b) and replace with:

'supports the Older People's Commissioner for Wales in ensuring the voices of older people are heard in relation to the planning of public services;'

**Amendment 6. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

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

'build more supported housing to broaden choice and compliment residential and institutional care.'

**Amendment 7. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

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

‘work with police and crime commissioners and local authorities to protect older people from scams, mis-selling and other forms of financial exploitation.’

## 7 United Kingdom Independence Party Debate

(60 mins)

**NDM6141**

### [Mark Reckless \(South East Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Supports the abolition of tolls on the Severn bridges following their return to the public sector.

The following amendments have been tabled:

#### **Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#):**

Delete all and replace with:

1. Calls on the Welsh and UK governments to explore all aspects of funding for both Severn bridges on their return to public ownership.

2. Notes that previous assessments have indicated that traffic volumes would increase by at least 25 per cent if tolls were removed

3. Calls for a traffic assessment to be undertaken by Traffic Wales in order to inform the decision to remove tolls based on the ability of the surrounding transport system to deal with any increases in traffic

4. Believes that if the long term future of both bridges can be secured through existing budgets with no impact on other transport projects around Wales, then toll free use of the bridges should be a priority.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]*

#### **Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#):**

Delete all and replace with:

Calls for the responsibility for the Severn bridges to be devolved when they return to public ownership, and supports the abolition of tolls payable on the crossings.

**Amendment 3. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

Add as new points 1 and 2 and renumber accordingly:

1. Notes the benefit removing tolls on the Severn bridges would have on the economy of Wales.

2. Believes there is no case for continuing to charge tolls on the Severn bridges to fund ongoing maintenance once the concession ends as they represent an unfair tax on the people and businesses of Wales.

## **8 Voting time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM6142 [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)**

The value of small and medium-sized enterprises to the Welsh economy

## **10 Short Debate – postponed from 9 November**

(30 mins)

**NDM6133 [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)**

The loss of heart research at Cardiff Medical School

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 November 2016

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 9 November 2016 for answer on 16 November 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)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

### To ask the [Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children](#)

1. [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on his evaluation of partnership working within Communities First? OAQ(5)0065(CC)
2. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the extension of free childcare? OAQ(5)0067(CC)
3. [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#): What action is the Welsh Government taking to increase the supply and quality of social and affordable housing? OAQ(5)0071(CC)
4. [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the ability of Rent Smart Wales staff to respond to queries from members of the public? OAQ(5)0060(CC)
5. [Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Minister outline his strategies for improving play facilities for children across Wales? OAQ(5)0066(CC)
6. [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the Communities for Work programme? OAQ(5)0068(CC)
7. [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of community centres in community development in Wales? OAQ(5)0069(CC)
8. [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#): What action is the Welsh Government taking to promote positive parenting? OAQ(5)0058(CC)
9. [Jeremy Miles \(Neath\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement about the resilience of social enterprise-delivered childcare services? OAQ(5)0073(CC)



10. [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on how the Welsh Government is ensuring that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is being realised? OAQ(5)0057(CC)
11. [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the attempted regeneration of the Kingsway in Swansea as a business and employment hub? OAQ(5)0062(CC)
12. [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the regeneration of the Severn Valley? OAQ(5)0061(CC)
13. [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#): Will the Minister outline what action the Welsh Government is taking to mitigate the adverse impact of the UK Government's benefit cap? OAQ(5)0070(CC)
14. [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's current position regarding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child? OAQ(5)0064(CC)
15. [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the number of children who live in poverty? OAQ(5)0072(CC)W