

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 19 October 2011**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
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Wales



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## Agenda

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### **1. Finance Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House (45 mins)**

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### **2. Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (45 mins)**

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### **3. Debate by an Individual Member under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins) NNDM4825**

**Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)**

**Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)**

**Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East)**

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Urges the Welsh Government to bring forward legislation for consideration by the Assembly which would end the availability of the defence of 'lawful chastisement' for an offence of assaulting a child.

### **4. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM4834 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the wide-reaching benefits Wales can gain from hosting major sporting events;
2. Deeply regrets that the Welsh Government has not put a strategy in place aimed at raising Wales' profile during the 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to be more ambitious, proactive and transparent in its approach to attracting top sporting events to Wales.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Congratulates the work done by Cardiff and Newport councils in attracting and supporting the Ashes and the Ryder Cup, respectively.

*[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendments 3 and 4 will be deselected]*

**Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Deeply regrets that the current state of public finance hinders the Welsh Government from funding a strategy aimed at raising Wales' profile during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

*[If amendment 3 is agreed, amendment 4 will be deselected]*

**Amendment 3 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Notes the fact that Wales' profile abroad will be improved by the positive experiences of those competing nations that have chosen Wales as their base for training in advance of both the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

**Amendment 4 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

In point 2 after 'during' insert ', or attracting contracts for Welsh businesses in the run up to,'.

**Amendment 5 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises the success for Wales as a whole, in hosting the 2010 Ryder Cup and the

economic benefits that have been delivered as a consequence.

## **5. Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

### **NDM4833 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

#### 1. Regrets:

a) the rapid decline of local media provision and its impact on the reporting of public life and politics in Wales; and

b) the funding crisis within the broadcasting industry.

#### 2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) look for solutions to address the resulting democratic deficit; and

b) actively seek to influence the Public Bodies Bill so that the future of S4C is safeguarded.

The Public Bodies Bill can be accessed on the following link:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/publicbodieshl.html>

### **The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East)**

Insert as new sub point 1 b) and renumber accordingly

'the Welsh Government's failure to provide a clear direction to encourage and promote a more pluralistic media'

#### **Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East)**

Delete 1 b) and replace with:

'the necessity for public spending cuts within the broadcasting sector due to the previous UK Government's mismanagement of the economy'.

#### **Amendment 3 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Insert new sub-point at the end of point 1:

'the failure of the previous Welsh Government to meet its commitment to fund a Welsh language daily newspaper.'

#### **Amendment 4 - William Graham (South Wales East)**

Insert at end of sub-point 2a):

'by promoting training and entrepreneurship in Welsh media industries to encourage wider provision of programmes reflecting local interests and public life and politics within Wales'

*[If amendment 5 is agreed, amendment 6 will be deselected]*

#### **Amendment 5 - William Graham (South Wales East)**

Delete point 2b) and replace with:

'acknowledge assurances from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport that S4C will retain editorial and operational independence within any new funding arrangements and to work positively with the UK Government, the BBC and S4C to secure funding for S4C beyond 2014; and'

#### **Amendment 6 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

In point 2b) after 'safeguarded' insert:

'and that:

- i) S4C funding is ring-fenced until 2016;
- ii) BBC representatives on the S4C Authority are not also members of the BBC Trust;
- iii) S4C's management board remains independent of the BBC;
- iv) the appointment of the BBC Trust member with responsibility for Wales and the chair of the S4C Authority should receive the approval of the National Assembly for Wales following their appointment by UK Government Ministers;
- v) S4C maintains full editorial, programming and operational independence;
- vi) the commissioning of programmes from independent Welsh companies continues;
- vii) the new governance structure for S4C is enshrined in law as a charter, and the channel will work as a partner of the BBC not a subsidiary of it; and
- viii) the Government and the BBC give an unequivocal commitment to Welsh language programming.

#### **Amendment 7 - William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add new sub-point at end of point 2:

'work with the UK Government on the proposed Communications Bill to create a

mechanism for public broadcasters in Wales to report to the National Assembly.

## **Voting Time**

### **6. Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM4832 Suzy Davies (South Wales West):**

Is Two Hours Too Much to Teach a Child how to Save a Life?

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 1 November 2011