

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 2 November 2011

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda (26)v2

1. Questions to the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development (45 mins)

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2. Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (45 mins)

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3. Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM4838 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to facilitate the creation of jobs by enabling the private sector to grow through:

- a) focusing economic development spending on measures that directly promote business growth;
- b) reviewing Welsh Government regulation that affects businesses in Wales; and
- c) assisting people in Wales to gain the skills to access increased employment opportunities.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new sub-point at end of motion:

responding to the disproportionate cuts to the Welsh capital budget by the UK government by seeking innovative ways of raising capital funds, apart from PFI, to facilitate infrastructure projects.

Amendment 2 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Add as new sub-point at end of motion:

consulting with business and other stakeholders on the most effective way to support the Welsh economy.

Amendment 3 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new sub point at end of motion:

establishing tax increment financing as a way of enabling local authorities to fund large-scale economic regeneration projects.

Amendment 4 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new sub point at end of motion:

focusing Jobs Growth Wales on training opportunities in the private sector.

Amendment 5 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new sub point at end of motion:

developing an innovation fund to stimulate the development of the knowledge economy.

4. Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM4839 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a dairy action plan, that tackles the widespread unfair commercial practices inherent within the supply chain, and which includes provision for:

a) a baseline standard raw milk contract;

b) an enforceable code of practice to ensure fair dealings between farmers and dairy companies; and

c) publication of transparent information on distribution of margins and wholesale prices.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Welcomes work by the UK Government to introduce a Groceries Code Adjudicator to monitor and enforce the Groceries Supply Code of Practice.

The Groceries Supply Code of Practice can be accessed on the following link:

http://www.competition-commission.gov.uk/inquiries/ref2006/grocery/pdf/revised_gscop_order.pdf

5. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM4840 Peter Black (South Wales West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the failure of Welsh government to effectively use EU funding to help raise the relative GDP of the West Wales and the Valleys region;
2. Recognises the valuable contribution of innovation and higher level skills programmes, such as the POWIS scheme, to raising GDP;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a successor scheme to POWIS with similar aims and objectives.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to undertake a comprehensive assessment of its use of EU funding in West Wales and the Valleys.

Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes with concern the decline in the GDP for West Wales and the valleys from 66.8% of the EU average in 2000; to 64.4% (the latest figure available) in 2008.

Amendment 3 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Acknowledges the necessity for a wider engagement with the private sector to engender sustainable growth in the GDP of these regions.

Amendment 4 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Acknowledges the requirement, for EU funded schemes, to move away from “tick box regulations” to focusing upon viable outcomes.

Voting Time

6. Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM4837 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):

21st Century Towns?

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 8 November 2011