

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 28 February 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda

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1. Questions to the First Minister (60 mins)

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

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Urgent Question (10 mins)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide an update on the spread of the Schmallenberg virus and its implications for the Welsh agricultural industry.

2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Welfare Reform (45 mins)

4. Statement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science: The Wales Economic Growth Fund (30 mins)

5. Debate on The Draft International Health Framework (60 mins)

NDM4922 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the draft International Health Framework, which was emailed to Members on 20 February 2012; and

2. Notes the Framework's approach to:

- a) strengthening Wales' health links within the international health community; and
- b) heightening the visibility of the wider Welsh health community beyond our borders.

Supporting Document

[The Draft International Health Framework](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to recognise the importance of attracting the best international health minds to Wales through world class higher education research activities.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government has decided to implement 8.4% real terms cuts on the Welsh NHS which may inhibit its ability to increase and improve international links.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Wales' health 'lags behind the regions and countries of the world that achieve the very best health outcomes'.

Amendment 4 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh government to use its links within the international health community to investigate options for a programme to reduce hospital admissions as has been successfully trialled in Camden, New Jersey.

6. Debate on The Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales' Annual Report (60 mins)

NDM4921 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales' Annual Report 'Meet the Challenge, lead the change'.

A copy of the report can be located on the following link:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/wales/publications/meet-the-challenge-lead-the-change/>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern at a recent report from the Public Health Wales Observatory showing that the gap in life expectancy between the richest and poorest in Wales has widened, and urges the Welsh Government to take action, in conjunction with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, to reduce health inequalities in Wales.

The report from the Public Health Wales Observatory can be accessed on the following link:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/922/page/58379>

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern at findings in the annual report, noting how disabled people are four times more likely to be victims of crime than non-disabled people, and urges the Welsh Government to take appropriate action to tackle issues such as disability-related harassment and disability hate crime.

Amendment 3 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the concern raised by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in 'An Anatomy of Economic Inequality in Wales', that pupils on free school meals are 2.5 times less likely to get A*-C grades in core subjects than their peers, and welcomes the Pupil Deprivation Grant which aims to improve this situation.

An Anatomy of Economic Inequality in Wales can be accessed on the following hyperlink:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/wales/publications/anatomy-of-economic-inequality-in-wales/>

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 29 February 2012