

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 20 March 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda (54)v3

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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2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development: A Programme for Eradicating Bovine Tuberculosis in Wales (45 mins)

4. The Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Jurisdiction of Residential Property Tribunals) (Wales) Order 2012 (15 mins)

NDM4941 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Jurisdiction of Residential Property Tribunals) (Wales) Order 2012 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 28 February 2012.

Supporting Documents

[The Mobile Homes Act 1983 \(Jurisdiction of Residential Property Tribunals\) \(Wales\) Order 2012](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#)

5. Debate: The annual report for 2010–11 of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales (ESTYN) (60 mins)

NDM4943 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the annual report for 2010–11 of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales.

A copy of the report was laid in Table Office on 13th March and is available on the following link:

<http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/annual-report/annual-report-2010-2011>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further notes that the report says that 'Wales still has problems of low level literacy' and 'improving pupils' literacy is not central enough to the design of the school curriculum.'

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets findings in the annual report which suggest 4 in 10 pupils entering secondary school have a reading age of at least 6 months below their actual age.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Expresses deep concern that 5% of schools inspected caused Estyn 'serious concern', whilst 25% required follow-up visits.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets findings from Estyn suggesting that in many schools improving pupils' literacy is not central enough to the design of the school curriculum.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets findings in the annual report which suggest a wide variation in teaching standards across Wales.

Amendment 6 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government is not required to provide a written response to the annual report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales.

Amendment 7 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to create a legal requirement for it to respond formally, in writing, to future Estyn annual reports.

Amendment 8 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the introduction of the Pupil Deprivation Grant in Wales and the potential for improving achievement for pupils in receipt of free school meals.

Amendment 9 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the banding of schools will do little to address the Chief Inspector of Education and Training's statement that, 'Even where a school is judged 'good' overall, there are often individual lessons or departments where the quality of teaching or learning is poor'.

Amendment 10 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Regrets the evidence in the Report which suggests that several local authorities are unaware of how their schools are performing and that some schools have been 'allowed to under-perform over a long period of time'.

Amendment 11 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Regrets the fact that timescales for educational improvement set by the Welsh Government are inconsistent.

Amendment 12 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce interim targets to ensure that it meets its overall target for the Welsh schools system to be in the world's top 20 by 2015.

6. Debate: The Welsh Government's strategic agenda for science and innovation – "Science for Wales" (60 mins)

NDM4942 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the new strategic agenda for science and innovation in Wales – Science for Wales.

The Welsh Government's strategic agenda for science and innovation – Science for Wales can be found at the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandconomy/csaw/publications/120312sfw/?lang=en>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Wales' share of UK research council funding in 2009/10 was 'just 3.3%'.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the 'decline in GCSE take up of STEM subjects and the fact that take up at 'A' level has not increased in line with overall 'A' level entries.'

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the Welsh Government to introduce a programme encouraging highly

talented people into STEM subject teaching.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to encourage more businesses in Wales to invest in business enterprise research and development (BERD) and to access EU Framework Programme funding for this purpose.

Amendment 5 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the Welsh Government to produce a delivery plan outlining key action points and setting definable targets for improving science and innovation.

Amendment 6 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister for Education and Skills to provide clarity on the position of science as a core subject indicator in schools.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 21 March 2012