

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 21 May 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda (133)v5

1. Questions to the First Minister (45 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 Questions

Urgent Question 1

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What explanation does the Minister have for the deterioration in the standards of education in Blaenau Gwent since appointing commissioners two years ago?

Urgent Question 2

Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth) Will the Minister make a statement on the consequences for the future of GCSE & A-level qualifications in Wales following the UK Government Education Secretary Michael Gove's letter that was published yesterday?

2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Welfare Reform (45 mins)

4. Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Together for Health – Six Month Update (45 mins)

5. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Essential Skills in the Workplace (30 mins)

6. Debate: Promoting green growth through resource efficiency (60 mins)

NDM5243 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the value of promoting green growth as a key driver of our vision for the future of Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point at start of motion:

Acknowledges the huge potential for green growth in Wales.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point at start of motion:

Notes the UK Government's commitment to developing the green economy.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point at start of motion:

Notes the Renewable Energy Association estimate that by 2020, some 400,000 jobs across the UK could be supported by the renewables industry, which highlights the importance of green business to economic growth.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the importance of green initiatives in supporting community regeneration and the wide ranging benefits of green community schemes.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Urges the Welsh Government to develop a clear, overarching strategy for green growth supported by evidence based targets, together with clear guidelines to resolve conflicts between economic, environmental and social priorities.

Amendment 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a programme with measureable outcomes to improve the energy efficiency of homes in Wales.

Amendment 7 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a Green Skills Construction College to make Wales a centre of excellence.

Amendment 8 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a ‘routemap’ and action plan, with production targets, for each type of renewable energy.

Amendment 9 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the establishment of a Green Investment Bank by the UK Government and calls on the Welsh Government to assess the support it can offer to Welsh businesses to capitalise on the opportunities this investment creates for the Welsh renewables

supply chain.

Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the importance of a green skills base to the development of a strong and effective supply chain in Wales, to support green growth within the wider Welsh economy, and calls on the Welsh Government to increase the academic and vocational opportunities available in Wales to develop the skills to support green jobs.

Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to establish specific performance indicators to monitor the progress of green growth in Wales, for example:

1. GVA figures updated quarterly
2. Business statistics which focus on core categories within the Economic Renewal Programme
3. Workplace employment statistics for the green economy.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 22 May 2013

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 16 May 2013 for answer on 21 May 2013

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 has agreed to call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

To ask the First Minister

1. David Rees (Aberavon): What actions are the Welsh Government taking to support community based health care in Wales?

OAQ(4)1087(FM)

2. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support cancer patients in Wales? OAQ(4)1069(FM)

3. Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth): Will the First Minister make a statement on any discussions the Welsh Government has had with the UK Government on the proposed sale of Royal Mail?

OAQ(4)1074(FM)

4. Keith Davies (Llanelli): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Health Technologies Fund? OAQ(4)1085(FM)

5. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): What further steps has the First Minister taken in his strategic responsibility for energy policy following his announcement on 1 May 2013? OAQ(4)1071(FM)W

6. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the First Minister make a statement on the discovery of Ash Dieback disease in trees in Ferryside, Carmarthenshire? OAQ(4)1075(FM)

7. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the content of his last meeting with the Secretary of State for Wales? OAQ(4)1072(FM)

8. **Byron Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the future of the Welsh tourism sector? OAQ(4)1081(FM)

9. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister provide an update on what actions the Welsh Government is taking to promote tourism in Wales? OAQ(4)1068(FM)

10. **Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister provide an update on the work of the Haven Waterway Enterprise Zone? OAQ(4)1077(FM)

11. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** What are the Welsh Government's priorities for economic development in North Wales? OAQ(4)1084(FM)

12. **Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** What discussions has the First Minister had with the UK Government regarding the Wales Bill proposed in the Queen's Speech? OAQ(4)1076(FM)

13. **Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What steps is the First Minister taking to support domiciliary care services in rural areas? OAQ(4)1082(FM)

14. **Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What assessment has the Welsh Government made of nursing staffing levels in Wales? OAQ(4)1079(FM)W

15. **Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East):** How satisfied is the First Minister that when the Welsh Government purchases goods and services it gives priority to companies based in Wales unless there are exceptional circumstances for not doing so? OAQ(4)1073(FM)

Agenda Item 2

Business Statement and Announcement

Recess: Monday 27 May 2013 – Sunday 2 June 2013

Tuesday 4 June and Wednesday 5 June 2013

Tuesday 11 June and Wednesday 12 June 2013

Tuesday 18 June and Wednesday 19 June 2013

Tuesday 4 June 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the First Minister: The Programme for Government Annual Report (60 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Update on the Action Plan for Pollinators (30 mins)
- Motion to approve the General Principles of the Active Travel (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Motion to approve the Financial Resolution of the Active Travel (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

Wednesday 5 June 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

“In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Member in Charge may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47. If the proposition is agreed:

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill.”

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Russell George (Montgomeryshire) (30 mins)

Tuesday 11 June 2013

Government Business

- First Minister’s Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Higher Education Policy Statement (45 mins)
- Apprenticeships (Alternative Welsh Completion Conditions) Regulations 2013 (15 mins)

Wednesday 12 June 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Leanne Wood (South Wales Central) (30 mins)

Tuesday 18 June 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: The Wales Fisheries Strategy (30 mins)
- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill (90 mins)

“In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47. If the proposition is agreed:

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill.”

Wednesday 19 June 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Debate seeking the Assembly's agreement to introduce a Member Proposed Bill on Holiday Caravan Park (Wales) (Darren Millar) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West) (30 mins)

