

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 17 July 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

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## Agenda (148)v3

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)**

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### **2 Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)**

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### **3 Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)**

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### **4 Debate on the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Law Making and the Church in Wales (60 mins)**

NDM5295 David Melding (South Wales Central)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee on its inquiry into Law-making and the Church in Wales, which was laid in the Table Office on 13 June 2013.

Supporting documents:

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's report](#)

## **5 Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme (60 mins)**

**NDM5297 Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with paragraph 8(11)(d) of Schedule 2 of the Government of Wales Act 2006:

Approves the Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme, laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 10 July 2013.

**Supporting documents:**

[Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme](#)

[Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Stage 1 Committee report](#)

## **6 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5298 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes with concern that 48.9% of Wales' pupils leave school without 5 GCSEs at A\*-C including English/Welsh and mathematics.
2. Notes with concern that the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and more advantaged backgrounds grows through the key stages, reaching 33% in key stage 4.
3. Believes policies to address surplus places should be re-evaluated to support high standards as a priority.
4. Recognises the importance of ensuring that pupils leave school with relevant qualifications and calls upon the Welsh Government to prioritise the establishment of Qualifications Wales as an independent organisation to regulate qualifications in the first instance.
5. Recognises the importance of closing the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and pupils from more advantaged backgrounds and calls upon the Welsh Government to ensure that the pupil deprivation grant is

allocated towards policies that address this.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward its comprehensive proposals to enact the recommendations in the Hill report.

7. Welcomes The Party of Wales' agreement with the Welsh Government to create 5,650 additional apprenticeship opportunities, providing young people with valuable opportunities to develop their skills and obtain employment.

The Hill Report can be accessed on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/consultation/130621-delivery-of-education-report-en.pdf>

The following amendments have been tabled:

**Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert at end of point one:

‘and calls on the Welsh Government to work with Estyn to ensure that every school adopts an individual pupil monitoring programme, to measure pupils’ progress and support schools to target efforts at those pupils who are not meeting their full potential’

**Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Notes with concern the lack of consistency between Schools and Local Education Authorities on improving and managing positive transitions between primary and secondary school.

**Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert at end of point 4:

‘, and to publish a communications strategy to promote distinctly Welsh

qualifications to prospective employers and educational institutions’

#### **Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point 6 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the Welsh Liberal Democrats’ agreement with the Welsh Government to establish the Pupil Deprivation Grant, which has seen £32.4million of funding for schools in 2012–13 and £36.3m in 2013–14, to help break the link between poverty and low attainment, and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure certainty of funding for the future.

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

Delete point 7 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government’s commitment to create 5,650 additional apprenticeship opportunities, and calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) monitor the creation of these additional apprenticeships; and
- b) ensure that the skills gained on these apprenticeships match the needs of the employment market.

#### **7 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Agricultural Sector (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.

The amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:

##### **1. The Panel**

34, 63, 16, 64, 17, 18, 65, 66, 67, 27, 28, 68, 29, 32, 33, 69

##### **2. Agricultural Wages Order**

4, 5, 19, 6, 50, 7, 20, 8, 9, 46, 10, 21, 22, 2, 1, 11A, 11, 12, 23, 13, 15

### 3. Enforcement and Offences

51, 52, 53, 54, 35, 57, 30

### 4. Holiday entitlement and enforcement

47, 48, 56, 49

### 5. Information and records

58, 59, 60, 36

### 6. Review and duration of Act

37, 38, 39, 40, 24, 41, 42, 43

### 7. Orders and Regulations

3, 25, 31, 26, 14

### 8. Definition of Agriculture and Agricultural Worker

44, 45, 61

### 9. Restrictions on the Panel and Welsh Ministers

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#### Supporting documents:

[Agricultural Sector \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled List of Amendments](#)

[Grouping of Amendments](#)

#### **8 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill (5 mins)**

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 Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill

#### **Voting Time**

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 24 September 2013

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 10 July 2013 for answer on 17 July 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)

### To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

1. Julie James (Swansea West): What progress has the Welsh Government made towards improving the career structure for care workers? OAQ(4)0312(HSS)

2. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide an update on multi agency working to protect vulnerable people? OAQ(4)0324(HSS)

3. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What action will the Welsh Government take in 2013 to tackle diabetes in Wales?  
OAQ(4)0308(HSS)

4. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to encourage people to quit smoking?  
OAQ(4)0323(HSS)

5. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): What steps does the Welsh Government take to ensure that all available places on Community Health Councils are filled? OAQ(4)0318(HSS)

6. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on health care provision in Montgomeryshire?  
OAQ(4)0317(HSS)

7. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement on the current arrangements for the training of ambulance staff in Wales? OAQ(4)0314(HSS)

8. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the services and support available for people with Crohn's and Colitis? OAQ(4)0311(HSS)

9. Ann Jones (Vale of Clywd): What assessment has the Minister made of equality of access to health services provided by Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board? OAQ(4)0310(HSS)

10. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What protocols do health boards operate to ensure people with diabetes are appropriately cared for in hospital? OAQ(4)0322(HSS)

11. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister provide an update on the level of adoptions in Wales? OAQ(4)0309(HSS)

12. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement regarding the role of the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee in the assessment of individual patient funding requests? OAQ(4)0321(HSS)

13. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's actions to support community nursing? OAQ(4)0320(HSS)

14. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the implications for Wales of the Cavendish Review? OAQ(4)0316(HSS)

15. Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): How is the Welsh Government tackling health inequalities? OAQ(4)0315(HSS)

**To ask the Counsel General**

1. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What advice has the Counsel General provided to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food regarding the legislative competence of the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill? OAQ(4)0050(CG)W

2. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What discussions has the Counsel General had with law officers elsewhere regarding the legislative competence of Welsh Government Bills? OAQ(4)0049(CG)W

### **To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty**

1. **Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the effect of zero hours contracts on living standards in Wales? OAQ(4)0068(CTP)

2. **Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister make a statement on poverty levels in Carmarthenshire? OAQ(4)0065(CTP)

3. **Julie James (Swansea West):** What steps is the Minister taking to empower Credit Unions to enable them to provide a full range of services? OAQ(4)0058(CTP)

4. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** Will the Minister make a statement on the support available in Wales for asylum seeking people and refugees? OAQ(4)0060(CTP)

5. **Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on transport poverty in rural Wales? OAQ(4)0059(CTP)

6. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to help tackle the effects of poverty in the Cynon Valley? OAQ(4)0063(CTP)

7. **Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement about the targets for tackling poverty the Welsh Government has set? OAQ(4)0064(CTP)

8. **Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** What is the Welsh Government doing to help tackle the issue of personal debt in Wales? OAQ(4)0062(CTP)
9. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to overcome barriers to equality? OAQ(4)0057(CTP)
10. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What assessment has the Minister made of the availability of affordable childcare for working parents? OAQ(4)0061(CTP)
11. **Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** What action has the Welsh Government taken to mitigate the effects of pay day loans? OAQ(4)0069(CTP)
12. **Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister provide an update on how the Welsh Government intends to measure its success in tackling poverty? OAQ(4)0067(CTP)
13. **Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding minimizing unclaimed benefits in Wales? OAQ(4)0066(CTP)
14. **Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's Flying Start programme in the Swansea area? OAQ(4)0056(CTP)
15. **Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for credit unions? OAQ(4)0055(CTP)