

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 2 October 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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National
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Wales



Agenda (152)v2

1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

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3 Motion to amend Standing Order 22 in relation to Standards of Conduct (5 mins)

NDM5309 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 22 - Standards of Conduct' laid in the Table Office on 25 September 2013; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 2 and 22, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

Supporting documents:

[Business Committee Report](#)

4 Motion to amend Standing Order 29 and 30A in relation to Legislative Consent to Statutory Instruments made by UK Ministers and Private Bills (5 mins)

NDM5310 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Legislative Consent to Statutory Instruments made by UK Ministers and Private Bills' laid in the Table Office on 25 September 2013; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 21, 29 and introduce a new Standing Order 30A, as set out in Annexes B and D of the Business Committee's report.

Supporting documents:

[Business Committee Report](#)

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5312 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes the pursuit of excellence must be central to any Welsh education strategy.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

After 'Believes' insert 'that breaking the link between poverty and attainment and'

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

After 'excellence' insert 'for all'

6 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5311 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the need to integrate health and adult social care services in order to provide an efficient and effective service to people in need; and
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to use the opportunity of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill to implement this integration.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert a new point 1, and re-number accordingly:

Acknowledges the obligation to support people in need;

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward separate legislation to fully integrate health and social care, as recommended by the Health and Social Care Committee in its Stage 1 Report.

The Stage 1 Committee Report on the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 18 July 2013.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the opportunities offered during consideration of this Bill to explore the integration of health and adult social service through:

- a) strengthening the provision of advocacy services;
- b) ensuring local authorities promote service options for direct payment; and

c) streamlining the provision of information to patients, their family members and service users.

7 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM5313 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes with concern that:

a) Wales has the largest proportion of premises in potential not-spots, and the lowest availability of superfast broadband services in the UK;

b) the recent rationalisation and decommissioning of mobile masts has resulted in many customers facing a frustrating loss or degradation of mobile signal.

2. Believes that broadband and mobile services play an integral and ever expanding role in the lives of Welsh consumers and citizens and that a lack of access to digital infrastructure is a hindrance to social, economic and cultural development, noting in particular that:

a) according to a recent Estyn report 'The impact of ICT on pupils' learning in primary schools', around half the schools surveyed say that the poor quality of the internet connection hinders their ICT work;

b) the Welsh Affairs Committee report 'Broadband services in Wales' expresses concern that the existence of broadband not-spots and slowspots, particularly in rural areas, has hindered local businesses at a cost to the local economy;

c) the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee report 'Rural Communities' notes that households in rural areas are less likely to take up schemes that may reduce fuel costs, such as cheaper tariffs or energy efficiency schemes, due to a lack of broadband access; and

d) the Chairman of the Commission for Rural Communities has said that poor web coverage is a factor in pushing young people out of rural areas.

3. Regrets the problems experienced by the Welsh Government's Regional Innovative

Broadband Support Scheme and calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) ensure that the Access Broadband Cymru scheme is widely advertised and does not experience the same issues;
- b) examine the planning system to ensure that planning rules support the development of digital infrastructure;
- c) examine what support can be offered to businesses to improve their ability to compete worldwide through better access to digital services; and
- d) investigate recent problems with mobile signal and work with network providers to ensure these issues are addressed and coverage is maximised across Wales.

The Estyn report is available here:

<http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/docViewer/285585.3/the-impact-of-ict-on-pupils-learning-in-primary-schools-july-2013/?navmap=30,163>,

The Welsh Affairs Committee report is available here:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmwelaf/580/58002.htm>

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee report is available here:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmenvfru/602/602.pdf>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 2c and renumber accordingly:

the rise of online shopping has contributed to the challenges faced by the high street, however recognises the potential of the internet as a source for high street regeneration;

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new sub-point at the end of point 2:

the increasing digitalisation of farm administration and the impact this has on farmers who suffer from poor broadband coverage.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 3a and renumber accordingly:

guarantee that during the rollout of the Superfast Cymru scheme BT ensures that premises which do not qualify for connection will be notified accordingly in a timely manner;

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 8 October 2013

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 25 September 2013 for answer on 2 October 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 Education and Skills

1. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): What progress has the Welsh Government made in delivering the 21st Century Schools Programme in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0321(ESK)

2. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): What is the Welsh Government doing to address the number of young people not in education, employment or training? OAQ(4)0315(ESK)

3. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is equipping young people with the skills needed to enter the workforce? OAQ(4)0312(ESK)

4. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement regarding modern European language provision in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0317(ESK)

5. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline discussions held with Ministerial colleagues to engender cross-portfolio support for education policies? OAQ(4)0316(ESK)

6. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the School Food Plan which concluded that 'Good food provision in schools has been shown to lead not only to healthier children, but to improved attainment'? OAQ(4)0324(ESK)

7. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement outlining the steps being taken to create effective and practical training and apprenticeships in construction skills? OAQ(4)0310(ESK)
WITHDRAWN

8. Jocelyn Davies (south Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the performance of education consortia?
OAQ(4)0320(ESK) WITHDRAWN

9. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister outline his vision for the future delivery of modern European languages in Wales?
OAQ(4)0318(ESK)

10. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve pupils' literacy levels in Wales?
OAQ(4)0307(ESK)

11. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What discussions has the Minister had with HEFCW regarding university funding? OAQ(4)0319(ESK)

12. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on any assessment he has made on the effectiveness of the pupil deprivation grant? OAQ(4)0309(ESK)

13. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the action points in 'Welsh Medium Education Strategy: Annual Report 2012-13'? OAQ(4)0323(ESK)W

14. Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans to improve skills opportunities in North Wales? OAQ(4)0313(ESK)

15. Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the results of the National Literacy and Numeracy tests this year?
OAQ(4)0311(ESK)W

To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

1. **Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** What improvements does the Minister have planned for the transport infrastructure in north Wales?
OAQ(4)0300(EST)

2. **Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What impact assessment did the Welsh Government undertake prior to reducing financial support for the Bus Service Operators Grant? OAQ(4)0307(EST)
TRANSFERRED FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

3. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What steps is the Welsh Government taking to promote rail travel in mid Wales? OAQ(4)0310(EST)

4. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What is the Welsh Government's strategy for marketing tourism in west Wales? OAQ(4)0309(EST)

5. **Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's work to encourage economic growth?
OAQ(4)0312(EST)W

6. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement regarding improvements to trunk roads in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0306(EST)

7. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the development of plans to progress the Welsh Government's tourism strategy? OAQ(4)0305(EST)

8. **Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government programmes to support SMEs?
OAQ(4)0311(EST) WITHDRAWN

9. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** What are the Minister's priorities for businesses in North Wales? OAQ(4)0308(EST)

10. **Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the benefits of cultural tourism? OAQ(4)0304(EST)

11. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the work programme of the Mersey Dee Alliance? OAQ(4)0313(EST)W

12. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on supporting SMEs in Wales? OAQ(4)0303(EST)

13. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister provide an update on her plans to help the tourism sector in west Wales? OAQ(4)0301(EST)

14. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to improve safety on Welsh roads? OAQ(4)0298(EST)

15. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh tourism industry? OAQ(4)0299(EST)