

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 20 November 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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Wales



Agenda

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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 (5 mins)

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

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4 Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint an acting Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (5 mins)

NDM5368

Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Schedule 1, paragraph 4, to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 and Standing Order 10.5:

Agrees to nominate Professor Sylvia Margaret Griffiths to Her Majesty for appointment as Acting Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

Supporting documents:

[Background note for Assembly Members](#)

5 Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2014/15 (30 mins)

NDM5361 Angela Burns (Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 20.16:

Agrees the budget of the Assembly Commission for 2014–15, as specified in Table 1 of the “National Assembly for Wales Assembly Commission Budget 2014–15”, laid before the Assembly on 13 November 2013 and that it be incorporated in the Annual Budget Motion under Standing Order 20.26 (ii).

Supporting documents:

[Assembly Commission Budget document](#)

[Finance Committee’s Report](#)

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5363 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Conservative policy ‘A Vision for Welsh Housing’;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the whole market to ensure that a solution to the housing supply crisis is found.

'A Vision for Welsh Housing' is available [here](#):

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that decades of failure by Labour and Conservative governments left us with a housing crisis that forced rents higher and higher, left thousands of people with no hope of getting a foot on the property ladder, and resulted in 1.5 million fewer social

homes available for rent.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert at end of point 1:

‘fails to recognise that the most urgent housing issue is the devastating impact of the Bedroom Tax on many social housing tenants thereby affecting social landlords’ ability to increase housing supply, and therefore urges the UK Government to repeal the Bedroom Tax’

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that there are approximately 21,551 long term empty homes in Wales and that the Welsh Government has failed to produce a Wales wide empty homes strategy.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Acknowledges the concern of house builders that bureaucracy within the planning system is a major barrier to the development of new homes and calls on the Welsh Government to use the forthcoming Planning Reform Bill to remove key barriers to the delivery of an effective planning regime.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the action being taken by the UK Government to stimulate new house building through equity loans and a mortgage guarantee scheme and calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward a date for the long overdue introduction of Help to Buy Cymru.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that only eleven local councils in Wales still hold council housing stock which restricts the Welsh Conservative vision to rejuvenate a 'Right to Buy' scheme in Wales and that the power to suspend the Right to Buy for council houses in areas of high demand is a vital tool to help reduce homelessness and a lack of social housing.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5362 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

- a) the IPCC climate change report's findings that it is 95% certain that human influence on climate caused more than half the observed increase in global average surface temperatures from 1951–2010;
- b) Wales' continuing dependence on fossil fuels for energy, providing some 80% of energy needs;
- c) that control of the exploitation of Wales' shale gas resources, together with control of any benefit deriving from it rests with the UK Government;
- d) the Welsh Government's failure to hit its target of producing 4TWh of electricity from renewables by 2010;
- e) that despite Wales being a net exporter of electricity, bills are higher in Wales than in England or Scotland;

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) develop a detailed 'Route Map' and Action Plan leading to the 2020 renewable energy targets, showing targets for each individual energy type and the actions that will be taken to reach those targets;
- b) put pressure on the UK Government to devolve in full, the energy portfolio and

control of Wales' natural resources to the National Assembly;

c) confirm with Ofgem and the National Grid whether any research has been done into the cost and viability of a submarine cable linking the National Grid between North and south Wales, and if so to provide a copy of that research;

d) investigate the potential for establishing a publicly-owned, not-for-dividend energy company to invest in energy for the benefit of the people of Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete sub-point 1c and replace with:

that while the licensing regime for the exploration and extraction of unconventional gas lies with the UK Government, other consents (such as local planning permission) are required before unconventional gas operations are allowed to commence.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub-point 1d and renumber accordingly:

that the UK Government has consulted on a fiscal regime for shale gas extraction and has pledged to deliver a coherent framework to enable local communities to benefit directly from any development of resources in their area.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new sub-point at the end of point 1:

that the UK Government has established a £3 billion Green Investment Bank, the first of its kind in the world, which will channel £15 billion from private sector investment into green projects.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new sub-point at the end of point 1:

the importance of community energy schemes to the sustainability of local areas, fostering community spirit and raising awareness of energy and climate change issues.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new sub-point at the end of point 1:

that nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) on energy, including nuclear power, have an impact beyond the Wales/England border.

Amendment 6–William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete sub-point 2b and replace with:

work with the UK Government to develop a comprehensive proposal to devolve further energy consenting and renewable obligation powers to Wales.

[If amendment 6 is agreed, amendment 7 will be de-selected]

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete sub-point 2b and replace with:

reaffirm the cross-party support for the devolution of energy consents above 50MWs for on-shore projects and work with the UK Government to harmonise off-shore consenting powers within Welsh waters.

Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub-point 2c and renumber accordingly:

work with the UK Government to examine whether the existing UK Petroleum Exploration and Development licence is an effective regime to develop unconventional gas in the future.

Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub-point 2c and renumber accordingly:

develop technical planning guidance on unconventional gas exploration to assist local planning authorities to properly discharge their functions.

Amendment 10 – William Graham (South Wales East)

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

confirm whether it supports the Mid-Wales Connection Project, which would lead to the proliferation of onshore wind turbines across Mid Wales.

Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

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

bring forward the project evaluation on the value for money of Ynni'r Fro, which was due for conclusion at the end of September 2013.

Amendment 12 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

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

bring forward a detailed statement outlining how the Welsh Government is maximising the opportunities for Wales through the Green Investment Bank.

8 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.

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

1. Liability

11, 13

2. Palliative Care

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3. Excluded Services

5, 6, 10

4. Timescale for Recovering Costs

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5. Appeals and waivers

1, 2, 3

6. Use of Information

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7. Use of Amounts Reimbursed

14, 15

8. Power to Suspend the Act

8, 9

Supporting documents:

[Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled List of Amendments](#)

[Grouping of Amendments](#)

9 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

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

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

Voting Time

10 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5360 Keith Davies (Llanelli): Mandatory state regulation of the hairdressing

industry in Wales: a wider public health concern.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 26 November 2013

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 13 November 2013 for answer on 20 November 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. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on proposed changes in the Hywel Dda Health Board?
OAQ(4)0358(HSS)W
2. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement regarding what steps the Welsh Government is taking to promote organ donation within schools? OAQ(4)0362(HSS)
3. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on care standards at the Princess of Wales Hospital?
OAQ(4)0353(HSS)
4. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What work is the Welsh Government doing to ensure that Health Boards are maximising the effective use of resources in Primary Care? OAQ(4)0355(HSS)
5. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on neonatal services in North Wales? OAQ(4)0360(HSS)W
6. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on services for people living with dementia?
OAQ(4)0351(HSS)
7. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the NHS in north Wales? OAQ(4)0346(HSS)

8. **Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on the distribution of flu vaccine in Delyn? OAQ(4)0356(HSS)
9. **William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister outline discussions held to address the impact of legal highs? OAQ(4)0357(HSS)
10. **Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement regarding Hywel Dda's plans for orthopaedic treatment this winter? OAQ(4)0361(HSS)
11. **Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of cardiac services in Murryston Hospital? OAQ(4)0345(HSS)
12. **Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline Welsh Government policy on NHS complaints? OAQ(4)0350(HSS)
13. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update regarding any monitoring and evaluation he has made of decisions on Individual Patient Funding Requests since he was appointed? OAQ(4)0349(HSS)
14. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What is the Welsh Government doing to tackle obesity in Wales? OAQ(4)0348(HSS)
15. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support the health of expectant mothers? OAQ(4)0347(HSS)

To ask the Counsel General

1. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What discussions has the Counsel General had with Law Officers with regards to Schedule 7 of the Government of Wales Act 2006? OAQ(4)0053(CG)W

To ask the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

1. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What arrangements are in place to measure the success of the additional Communities First grant that was given recently to improve attainment in schools?

OAQ(4)0107(CTP)W

2. William Graham (South Wales East): What assessment has the Minister made of the take-up of benefits available to people in Wales?

OAQ(4)0103(CTP)

3. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government action to tackle poverty in rural areas? OAQ(4)0104(CTP) WITHDRAWN

4. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government intends to support the growth of credit unions within the context of austerity? OAQ(4)0099(CTP)

5. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What is the Welsh Government doing to improve financial literacy in Welsh communities?

OAQ(4)0098(CTP)

6. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister make a statement on the effectiveness of the Employer Support Grant in supporting ex Remploy employees back into work? OAQ(4)0101(CTP)

7. Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on recent activity to bring communities together in Communities First areas? OAQ(4)0091(CTP)

8. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister provide an update on any representations he has made to the UK Government regarding the impact of welfare reform in Wales? OAQ(4)0089(CTP)

9. **Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Minister make a statement on the role of Communities First in assisting young people into work? OAQ(4)0090(CTP)

10. **Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government on the implications for Wales of UK immigration policies? OAQ(4)0095(CTP)

11. **Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Building Resilient Communities statement he made earlier in the year? OAQ(4)0105(CTP)

12. **David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister provide an update on the Communities First Programme? OAQ(4)0102(CTP)

13. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on promoting innovative ways of tackling poverty?
OAQ(4)0106(CTP) WITHDRAWN

14. **William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's commitment to sustainable development? OAQ(4)0097(CTP)

15. **Julie James (Swansea West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child in strategic decision-making within the Welsh Government?
OAQ(4)093(HSS)