

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 June 2014

Meeting time: 13.30

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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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Urgent Questions

The item started at 14.56

Urgent Question 1

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the news that ‘Highly Trusted Sponsor Status’ has been removed from Glyndwr University?

The item started at 15.04

Urgent Question 2



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Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the 8.4% year on year drop in the performance of the Welsh Ambulance Service in responding to category A calls?

3 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5534 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the recent D-Day Commemorations, the upcoming UK Armed Forces Day, and the centenary of the beginning of the First World War;
2. Values the contributions of Welsh servicemen and women and recognises the difficulties they may have upon returning to civilian life;
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish a Veterans' Card Scheme for Wales to enable:
 - a) an expansion of the existing concessionary fares scheme to include veterans
 - b) free entry for veterans to local authority swimming pools
 - c) free entry for veterans to Cadw sites
 - d) priority treatment for service related conditions/injuries on the NHS
 - e) priority delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants for veterans requiring home adaptations.
4. Further calls upon the Welsh Government to explore the potential to erect a Welsh memorial at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire, to remember and

honour all the brave men and women from Wales who fought and lost their lives in service of the nation.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that cuts to benefits for disabled people, including the imposition of the bedroom tax, are affecting veterans and serving members of the Armed Forces.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the announcement in the UK Government's Legislative Programme of proposals for a Service Complaints Bill to improve the complaints system in the Armed Forces through the creation of an Ombudsman for service personnel.

Amendment 3 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

In point 3, delete 'establish' and replace with 'consider'.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert as new point 4 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the health service provides adequate support for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5535 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Welsh households and businesses receive a great deal of unaddressed mail which is never opened and either goes to land fill or is recycled;
2. Believes this is an added strain on:
 - a) businesses, which have to pay for waste removal; and
 - b) local authorities, who have a responsibility to collect the waste.
3. Is concerned about the environmental impact which is damaging to our natural resources, with each tonne of unaddressed mail using 17 trees and 7000 gallons of water to produce;
4. Further notes the Age Cymru Campaign 'Scams and Swindles'.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to publicise opt out schemes such as the Mailing Preference Service.

The Age Cymru Campaign 'Scams and Swindles' is available at:

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/cymru/get-involved/make-a-donation3/scams-and-swindles/>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1

WITHDRAWN

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities and the private sector to adopt paperless billing and communication where possible.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to review the process for 'No Cold Calling Zones', to protect older people from unscrupulous rogue traders and doorstep scams.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate

(60 mins)

NDM5536 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Wishes the Welsh team well in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games.
2. Notes the importance of sport and physical activity to health and well-being.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) ensure everyone has access to sport and physical activity;
 - b) review the effectiveness of physical education in encouraging lifelong participation in sports and tackling low participation rates amongst some socio-economic groups; and

c) improve links between national governing bodies, local authorities, schools and sports clubs to ensure best coaching practices are adopted to increase the chances of future generations being able to compete at the highest level.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Believes it is important that active lifestyles are available to all.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

In sub-point 3b, delete ‘participation in sports’ and replace with ‘exercise’.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new sub-point at end of point 3:

ensure that the built environment is designed to encourage active lifestyles.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the positive impact of sporting events on levels of participation in sport, such as the forthcoming IPC Athletics European Championships in Swansea.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that participation in sport and sports coaching are opportunities to use Welsh within the community.

Voting Time

The item started at 17.54

Votes Summary

6 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5532 Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central)

UEFA 2020 – Cardiff, the Perfect Host

Cardiff's bid to host key games at the UEFA European Championships in 2020 is an opportunity to reinforce Wales's place on the world's sporting stage.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 1 July 2014