

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 1 July 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda

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### **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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### **Personal Statement**

Minister for Natural Resources and Food

The item started at 14.20

In accordance with Standing Order 12.52, the Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Alun Davies, made a personal statement on his observance of the Ministerial Code in respect of the Circuit of Wales.

### **Urgent Questions**

The item started at 14.22

### **Urgent Question 1**

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Permanent Secretary's investigation into the actions of the Minister for Natural Resources and Food in connection with the Circuit of Wales project?

The item started at 14.36

## **Urgent Question 2**

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** In light of the Auditor General for Wales's decision to qualify his opinions on the accounts of three Health Boards for breaching their approved spending limits, will the Minister make a statement on health board overspending in the financial year 2013/14?

## **2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)**

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

## **3 Statement by the First Minister: The Welsh Government's Response to The Silk Commission's Second Report (45 mins)**

**Supporting Document**

[Empowerment and Responsibility: Legislative Powers to Strengthen Wales](#)

## **4 Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Introduction of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill (60 mins)**

## **5 Legislative Consent Motion on the Wales Bill (60 mins)**

**NDM5501 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Wales Bill which modify the legislative competence of the Assembly should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 1 May 2014 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

A copy of the Wales Bill can be found at:

[Bill documents — Wales Bill 2013-14 — UK Parliament](#)

## **Supporting Documents**

[Legislative Consent Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Finance Committee – Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Wales Bill](#)

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Legislative Consent Memorandum Report: Wales Bill](#)

### **6 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (Amendment) Order 2014 (15 mins)**

**NDM5537 Lesley Griffiths (Wreccsam)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (Amendment) Order 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 June 2014.

## **Supporting Documents**

[The Local Government \(Wales\) Measure 2009 \(Amendment\) Order 2014](#)

[Explanatory memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee – no reporting points](#)

**Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following two items together but with separate votes:**

### **7 The Town and Country Planning (Non–Material Changes and Corrections of Errors)(Wales) Order 2014 (15 mins)**

**NDM5538 Lesley Griffiths (Wreccsam)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Town and Country Planning (Non–Material Changes and Correction of Errors) (Wales) Order 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 June 2014.

## **Supporting Documents**

[The Town and Country Planning \(Non–Material Changes and Correction of Errors\) \(Wales\) Order 2014](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#) – *no reporting points*

**8 The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Non–Material Changes) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)**

NDM5539 Lesley Griffiths (Wreccsam)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Non–Material Changes) (Wales) Regulations 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 June 2014.

**Supporting Documents**

[The Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Non–Material Changes\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2014](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#) – *no reporting points*

**Voting Time**

There was no Voting Time

At 17.15, proceedings were suspended for 15 minutes. The bell was rung 5 minutes before reconvening for Stage 3 proceedings on the Housing (Wales) Bill.

**9 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Housing (Wales) Bill (180 mins)**

The amendments will be disposed of in the order that the sections and schedules to which they relate were set out in the motion under Standing Order 26.36, agreed by the Assembly on 17 June 2014.

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

Groups 1 – 28 were debated in plenary on 24 June 2014.

**29. Homelessness: Duty to provide information, advice and assistance in accessing help**

245, 419, 420, 414, 421, 422, 246, 423

**30. Homelessness: Eligibility**

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**31. Homelessness: Duty to assess**

424, 425, 354

**32. Homelessness: Help to secure**

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**33. Homelessness: Priority need**

10\*, 10A\*, 355, 250, 11, 252, 12, 253, 13, 14, 254, 255, 28, 256, 426, 29, 257, 15, 16, 279

**34. Homelessness: Circumstances in which homelessness duties end**

260, 261, 262, 31

**35. Homelessness: Duty to secure accommodation for applicants in priority need**

427, 428, 429, 264, 430, 415, 431, 416, 417, 432, 30, 32

**36. Homelessness: Intentionality**

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**37. Homelessness: Local connection**

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**38. Homelessness: Protection of property**

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**39. Homelessness: Guidance**

274, 275, 276

**40. Homelessness: Interpretation**

433, 278, 280

**41. Gypsies and travellers**

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**42. Standards for social housing**

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**43. Council tax for long-term empty dwellings**

356, 282, 283, 284, 357, 358, 37, 361

**44. Council tax for dwellings occupied periodically**

418, 434, 35, 359, 285, 360, 286

**45. Council tax: other provisions**

36, 362, 38

**46. Leasehold Reform**

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**47. Affordable Home s Target**

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**48. Duties on the Welsh Ministers to report on implementation of the Housing Act 2004**

363, 364

**49. Commencement**

365, 410

\* These amendments will be disposed of in the order—10A, 10

## **Supporting Documents**

[Housing \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled List of Amendments](#)

[Grouping List of Amendments](#)

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 2 July 2014

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 26 June 2014 for answer on 1 July 2014

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. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's international relations strategy?

OAQ(4)1763(FM)W

**2. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionydd):** How does the First Minister intend to implement his responsibilities for relationships with the rest of the United Kingdom in 2014? OAQ(4)1761(FM)W

**3. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the First Minister make a statement on recruitment in the Welsh NHS? OAQ(4)1766(FM)

**4. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is enabling economic growth in Montgomeryshire? OAQ(4)1773(FM)

**5. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the organisation of local government in Wales? OAQ(4)1758(FM)

**6. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the First Minister provide an update on the Sêr Cymru programme? OAQ(4)1770(FM)W

**7. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the devolution of tax-varying powers to Wales? OAQ(4)1765(FM)

**8. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the First Minister outline his priorities to improve transport infrastructure in North Wales? OAQ(4)1768(FM)

**9. Leighton Andrews (Rhondda):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework? OAQ(4)1760(FM)

**10. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support the economy in west Wales? OAQ(4)1756(FM)

**11. William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the First Minister outline how Welsh Government health policies will impact upon South Wales East? OAQ(4)1771(FM)

**12. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the number of rural apprenticeships in Wales? OAQ(4)1767(FM)

**13. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** What policies will the Welsh Government introduce to improve access to GP surgeries in the next 12 months? OAQ(4)1764(FM)

**14. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** What is the Welsh Government doing to promote tourism in the south Wales valleys? OAQ(4)1759(FM)

**15. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What steps is the Welsh Government taking to increase rail links between North Wales and Liverpool and Manchester? OAQ(4)1757(FM)W

# Agenda Item 2

## Business Statement and Announcement

Plenary agendas are published a week in advance of a meeting, and can be found on the [Plenary meetings page](#)

Tuesday 8 July 2014 and Wednesday 9 July 2014

Tuesday 15 July 2014 and Wednesday 16 July 2014

Recess: Monday 21 July 2014 – Sunday 14 September 2014

Tuesday 16 September 2014 and Wednesday 17 September 2014

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Tuesday 8 July 2014

### Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty:  
Introduction of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Statement by the First Minister: The Welsh Government Response to the Williams Commission Report (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: The Local Government White Paper (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: The Rural Development Programme 2014–2020 (45 mins)
- LCM on the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill (15 mins)
- The Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014 (15 mins)
- Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Housing (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

Wednesday 9 July 2014

### Government Business

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

## **Assembly Business**

- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- NNDM5536

Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the overwhelming appetite amongst football supporters for the introduction of safe standing facilities;

Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely with sport associations and regulatory authorities to promote safe standing at sports stadia in Wales; and

Calls on the UK Government to consider the introduction of a pilot of safe standing in Wales.

- Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Sustainable Land Management (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Suzy Davies (South Wales West) (30 mins)
- Short Debate – Nick Ramsay (Monmouth) (30 mins) – Postponed from 18 June 2014

## **Tuesday 15 July 2014**

### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the First Minister: The Legislative Programme (90 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: The Climate Change Policy Refresh (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Tackling Poverty: Progress on the Tackling Poverty Action Plan (45 mins)

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following two items together but with separate votes:

- The Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)
- The Animal Welfare (Identification of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)
- The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)
- Debate: The First Supplementary Budget 2014–15 (30 mins)

### **Wednesday 16 July 2014**

#### **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Finance (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Government Business (45 mins)

#### **Assembly Business**

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- Statement by Bethan Jenkins: Introduction of a Member proposed Bill – Financial Education and Inclusion (Wales) Bill (30 mins)
- Debate on the Assembly Commission's Report on the Official Languages Scheme (60 mins)
- Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's Report on the availability of bariatric services (60 mins)
- Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on Finance Wales (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central) (30 mins)

### **Tuesday 16 September 2014**

#### **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)
- The Residential Property Tribunal (Fees and Procedures) (Wales) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 (15 mins)

- Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No-3)  
Deregulation Bill: Amendments in relation to Farriers and Home School Agreements (15 mins)

**Wednesday 17 September 2014**

**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**

- Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's Report on its Inquiry into EU funding opportunities 2014-2020 (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate (30 mins)