

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 2 July 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

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National  
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Wales



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## Agenda

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)**

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### **2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)**

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### **Urgent Question**

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the advice received by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food that he should not comment on matters relating to the Circuit of Wales, which was revealed in the Permanent Secretary's report that was placed in the library on 1 July?

### **3 Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on Higher Education Funding (60 mins)** **NDM5544 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee on its inquiry into Higher Education Funding, which was laid in the Table Office on 3 June 2014.

Note: The Welsh Government's response to the report was laid in the Table Office on 25 June 2014

## **Supporting Documents**

[Finance Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's Response](#)

**4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5546 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of tourism to the Welsh economy;
2. Regrets:
  - a) the lack of Welsh Government funding for Visit Wales;
  - b) the Welsh Government's decision to disband the Regional Tourism Partnerships;
  - c) the Welsh Government's narrow ambition for improving overseas visitor numbers to Wales;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to revisit how it consults and is guided by tourism providers in Wales.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the tourism industry can maximise the potential of our rich heritage and diverse environment as well as capitalising on cultural and sporting events.

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]*

#### **Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new subpoint 2b and renumber accordingly:

that poor broadband and mobile coverage in rural areas hinders the competitiveness and accessibility of businesses within the tourism sector;

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to improve the collection and monitoring of tourism related data and market intelligence to inform strategic priorities for tourism in Wales.

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

#### **NDM5545 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery.
2. Notes that the report does not deal comprehensively with public services, particularly the health service, due to the terms of reference set down by the Welsh Government.
3. Believes that there is a need to provide a democratic mandate for a strategic long-term package of public service delivery reform.
4. Further believes that the balance of competencies and delivery of public services between national, regional and community government is best debated and resolved

by means of party manifestos during the next Assembly election.

The report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery is available at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improvingservices/public-service-governance-and-delivery/report/?lang=en>

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

Delete point 2.

**Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that public services would be improved by the increased accountability provided by a fair voting system.

**Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the report calls for an enhancement of the involvement of citizens and communities in the co-production of the development and delivery of services.

**Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the report states 'the third sector can provide access to users' experience of services and can help to ensure the systematic and sustainable engagement of communities as well as the expertise of the sector in diverse policy and service areas'.

**Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need for full cost evaluations before any action is taken on structural changes to public services.

### **Voting Time**

**6 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5543 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

The administration of the blue badges scheme by local councils and the Welsh Government

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 July 2014

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 24 June 2014 for answer on 2 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)

### To ask the Minister for Natural Resources and Food

- 1. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on the exploitation of unconventional gas in Wales? OAQ(4)0169(NRF)
- 2. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What steps are being taken by the Minister to reduce the volume of waste going to landfill each year in Wales? OAQ(4)0174(NRF)
- 3. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What legislative plans does the Minister have for animal welfare? OAQ(4)0173(NRF)W
- 4. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** How does the Minister intend to implement his responsibilities for local authorities' management of municipal waste? OAQ(4)0179(NRF)W
- 5. Leighton Andrews (Rhondda):** Will the Minister make a statement on Green Growth Wales: Investing in the Future? OAQ(4)0172(NRF)
- 6. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding the devolution of energy policy? OAQ(4)0184(NRF)
- 7. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** What assessment has the Minister made of the current market prices for Welsh beef? OAQ(4)0181(NRF)
- 8. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014 since its implementation? OAQ(4)0175(NRF)
- 9. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's policies to combat fuel poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)0170(NRF)

**10. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support the food industry in west Wales? OAQ(4)0168(NRF)

**11. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support available to farmers in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0182(NRF)

**12. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's compliance with the 2007 EU Directive on stocking density? OAQ(4)0185(NRF)W

**13. William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on progress to tackle bovine TB? OAQ(4)0183(NRF)

**14. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government regarding fracking in Wales? OAQ(4)0177(NRF)W

**15. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for the cockling industry in the Dee Estuary? OAQ(4)0176(NRF)

## **To ask the Minister for Housing and Regeneration**

**1. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on energy efficiency in social housing? OAQ(4)0417(HR)W

**2. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on current regeneration projects in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0427(HR)

**3. William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of social housing? OAQ(4)0426(HR)

**4. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government guidance on Houses of Multiple Occupation? OAQ(4)0420(HR)

**5. Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government action to support regeneration in Towyn and Kinmel Bay? OAQ(4)0415(HR)

- 6. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of affordable housing units in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)0428(HR)
- 7. Leighton Andrews (Rhondda):** Will the Minister make a statement on house-building targets? OAQ(4)0418(HR)
- 8. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the Minister provide an update on policies for regeneration that the Welsh Government intends to deliver in the next 12 months? OAQ(4)0413(HR)
- 9. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline what the Welsh Government is doing to regenerate seaside towns in North Wales? OAQ(4)0421(HR)
- 10. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government about guidance provided to local authorities on who is eligible for discretionary housing payments? OAQ(4)0416(HR)
- 11. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide an update on progress being made to tackle homelessness in South Wales Central? OAQ(4)0423(HR)
- 12. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support regeneration projects in Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)0411(HR)
- 13. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Regeneration Investment Fund for Wales? OAQ(4)0412(HR)
- 14. William Graham (South Wales East):** What assessment has the Minister made of the provision of Physical Adaptations Grants? OAQ(4)0425(HR)
- 15. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the Minister outline whether provisions regarding applications for village greens will be included in the proposed Planning Bill? OAQ(4)0419(HR)W