

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 17 September 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda

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

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

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

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3 Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's Report on its Inquiry into EU funding opportunities 2014–2020 (60 mins)

NDM5563 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Enterprise and Business Committee on its Inquiry into EU funding opportunities 2014–2020, which was laid in the Table Office on 16 July 2014.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was laid on 10 September 2014.

Supporting Documents

[Enterprise and Business Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's Response](#)

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5565 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England are better together and that Scotland should choose to remain in the UK on 18 September 2014.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete all after 'National Assembly for Wales' and replace with:

1. Believes that Scotland's future is a matter for the people of Scotland.
2. Further believes that strong relations between the nations of these islands are best served through a spirit of cooperation and equality.
3. Notes that the entrenchment of the Barnett Formula, as pledged by the UK parties in the 'No' campaign for the referendum on 18 September 2014, would be to the detriment of Wales.

Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan), Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that whatever the result, Wales should speak with one voice, and calls for a swift implementation of the recommendations of Parts 1 and 2 of the Commission on Devolution in Wales and for a UK-wide constitutional convention to be established to draft a plan for a new union.

The Part 1 report of the Commission on Devolution in Wales can be found on the following link:

[http://commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/files/2013/01/English-
WEB-main-report1.pdf](http://commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/files/2013/01/English-WEB-main-report1.pdf)

The Part 2 report of the Commission on Devolution in Wales can be found on the following link:

<http://commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/files/2014/03/Empowerment-Responsibility-Legislative-Powers-to-strengthen-Wales.pdf>

5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)
NDM5562 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 266,000 workers in Wales are paid less than the living wage.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work towards creating a living wage in Wales through:
 - a) establishing the living wage throughout the Welsh public sector;
 - b) working with employers to explain the benefits of paying the living wage; and
 - c) making representations to the Low Pay Commission to ensure that the minimum wage rises to the level of the living wage by 2020.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Further notes that 98.4% of all businesses in Wales are classified as micro or small businesses, and that there is a need to ensure the workability of any living wage policy alongside the survival of our small businesses.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete 2 c) and replace with:

Establishing an independent review to consult on how to set a fair living wage, working with stakeholders such as the Living Wage Foundation, without damaging employment opportunities and in order to improve enforcement action.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that from April 2015 1.2 million people in Wales will have a tax cut of £800 thanks to the UK Government raising the income tax threshold to £10,500, and that this will assist those workers in Wales who are being paid less than the living wage.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the income tax threshold should be raised to £12,500, to bring minimum wage workers out of paying income tax altogether.

Voting Time

6 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5564 Suzy Davies (South Wales West)

Keep Me Posted: The Consumer's Right to Choose

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 23 September 2014

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Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 9 September 2014 for answer on 17 September 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 Education and Skills

1. **Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**: What is the anticipated impact on students of the removal of the Financial Contingency Fund for universities?

OAQ(4)0465(ESK)

2. **Mark Isherwood (North Wales)**: Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government intends to reduce school class sizes in Wales?

OAQ(4)0464(ESK)

3. **Sandy Mewies (Delyn)**: Will the Minister give an update on the Jobs Growth Wales scheme in Flintshire? OAQ(4)0469(ESK)

4. **Darren Millar (Clwyd West)**: Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government support for faith schools? OAQ(4)0455(ESK)

5. **Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)**: Will the Minister make a statement on the outcomes from the Literacy and Numeracy Framework? OAQ(4)0454(ESK)

6. **Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**: Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to support children with special educational needs in Wales? OAQ(4)0452(ESK)

7. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**: Will the Minister publish his assessment of the impact of cuts in his budget over the summer on young people? OAQ(4)0463(ESK)W

8. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister provide an update on the introduction of the new primary school curriculum?

OAQ(4)0457(ESK)

9. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the Minister provide an update on the progress made by Professor Donaldson in his GCSE Curriculum

Review? OAQ(4)0459(ESK)

10. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the topics covered through personal and social education lessons in Welsh schools? OAQ(4)0456(ESK)

11. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the HE Financial Contingency Fund? OAQ(4)0453(ESK)

12. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): What progress has been made in relation to developing collaboration between schools and colleges in relation to Learning Pathways 14-19?

OAQ(4)0466(ESK)W

13. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of higher education in north Wales? OAQ(4)0468(ESK)

14. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on higher education in Mid and West Wales?

OAQ(4)0462(ESK)

15. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the 8% funding cut to the Welsh for Adults programme? OAQ(4)0460(ESK)

To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

1. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the work the Welsh Government has undertaken to date with the Sirolli Institute in the south Wales valleys? OAQ(4)0449(EST)

- 2. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of public transport for making the most of tourism opportunities? OAQ(4)0454(EST)
- 3. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of public transport in North Wales? OAQ(4)0453(EST)
- 4. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the promotion of Wales as a tourist destination? OAQ(4)0457(EST)
- 5. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister provide an update on the roll out of superfast broadband in Wales? OAQ(4)0446(EST)
- 6. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister outline what is being done to promote the development of the finance sector in Wales? OAQ(4)0441(EST)
- 7. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government priorities for agriculture in west Wales? OAQ(4)0445(EST)
- 8. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on road links between Mid and West Wales and the West Midlands? OAQ(4)0443(EST)
- 9. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):** What steps has the Minister taken recently to achieve her objectives of developing an integrated transport system? OAQ(4)0452(EST)W
- 10. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** Will the Minister make a statement on the economic benefits of the universal postal services to Welsh businesses? OAQ(4)0455(EST)
- 11. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on improving transport connectivity in west Wales? OAQ(4)0442(EST)

12. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the roll out of superfast broadband in Islwyn? OAQ(4)0444(EST)

13. Sandy Mewies (Delyn): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's business start-up loans scheme?
OAQ(4)0456(EST)

14. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North): What plans does the Minister have to improve the flow of traffic within towns and cities in Wales?
OAQ(4)0447(EST)

15. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the employment outlook in Wales? OAQ(4)0448(EST)