

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 23 September 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

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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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### **Urgent Question**

**Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on bed blocking and emergency department overcrowding, following the tragic death of a woman while waiting in an ambulance outside Morriston Hospital? EAQ(4)0482(HSS)

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

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

### **Motions to elect Members to Committees**

**NDM5575 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects John Griffiths (Labour) as a member of the Children, Young People and

Education Committee in place of Rebecca Evans (Labour).

**NDM5576 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Alun Davies (Labour) as a member of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee in place of Leighton Andrews (Labour);

(ii) Gwenda Thomas (Labour) as a member of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee in place of Jenny Rathbone (Labour).

**NDM5577 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Alun Davies (Labour) as a member of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in place of Julie James (Labour).

**NDM5578 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Jeff Cuthbert (Labour) as a member of the Enterprise and Business Committee in place of David Rees (Labour);

(ii) Gwenda Thomas (Labour) as a member of the Enterprise and Business Committee in place of Julie James (Labour).

**NDM5579 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Jeff Cuthbert (Labour) as a member of the Environment and Sustainability Committee in place of Gwyn Price (Labour);

(ii) Jenny Rathbone (Labour) as a member of the Environment and Sustainability Committee in place of Julie James (Labour).

### **NDM5580 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Alun Davies (Labour) as a member of the Health and Social Care Committee in place of Leighton Andrews (Labour);

(ii) John Griffiths (Labour) as a member of the Health and Social Care Committee in place of Rebecca Evans (Labour).

**3 Statement by the First Minister: The Outcome of the Scottish Referendum and Implications for Wales (45 mins)**

**4 Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Launch of the White Paper on the Collection and Management of Devolved Taxes in Wales (45 mins)**

**5 Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Reforming Local Government (30 mins)**

#### **Supporting Documents**

[Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper – Reforming Local Government Written Statement – Issue of Invitation to Principal Local Authorities in Wales to Submit Proposals for Voluntary Merger](#)

**6 Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Advice Services – providing practical support to people affected by Welfare Reform (30 mins)**

#### **Supporting Document**

[Analysing the impact of the UK Government's welfare reforms in Wales](#)

**7 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Infrastructure Bill: Provisions for the**

## **Control of Invasive Non-Native Species (15 mins)**

**NDM5533 Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Infrastructure Bill, relating to the eradication and control of invasive non-native species through species control agreements and orders, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 18 June 2014 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

A copy of the Infrastructure Bill can be found at:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/infrastructure.html>

### **Supporting Document**

[Legislative Consent Memorandum](#)

[Environment and Sustainability Committee Report](#)

## **8 Debate on the Sustainable Development Annual Report 2013-14 (60 mins)**

**NDM5568 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the progress made on promoting sustainable development in 2013-14, as set out in the Welsh Government's Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Scheme, which was laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 23 June 2014.

### **Supporting Document**

[One Wales: One Planet – The Sustainable Development Annual Report 2013 – 14](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

### **Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Future Generations Commissioner proposed in the Well-being of

Future Generations Bill should be fully independent of Welsh Government, appointed by the National Assembly and in control of sustainable development indicators.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Sustainable Futures Commissioner's comment on "frustrations in the efforts to increase community scale renewable energy production" and calls on the Welsh Government to include targets for community scale renewable energy in reporting for the Well-being of Future Generations Bill.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Sustainable Futures Commissioner's comment that there is no reference to "addressing fuel poverty to improve health and educational achievement" and calls on the Welsh Government to reinstate the Fuel Poverty Advisory Group with an appropriate remit and the ability to make policy recommendations to the Government in order to ensure a more integrated approach to tackling fuel poverty.

**Voting Time**

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 24 September 2014

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 18 September 2014 for answer on 23 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)

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. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the provision of health services in Brecon and Radnorshire? OAQ(4)1846(FM)

**2. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on his priorities for transport in west Wales over the next 12 months? OAQ(4)1834(FM)

**3. Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the First Minister provide an update on Welsh Government plans to tackle bowel cancer in Wales? OAQ(4)1839(FM)

**4. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve public transport services in the Cynon Valley? OAQ(4)1836(FM)

**5. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact that the UK Government's Universal Credit scheme is having on people in Wales? OAQ(4)1848(FM)

**6. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's policy in relation to the treatment of child cancers? OAQ(4)1838(FM)

**7. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the implementation of the Andrews report? OAQ(4)1833(FM)

**8. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East):** What assessment has the First Minister made of the need to establish the office of a disability commissioner for Wales? OAQ(4)1840(FM)

**9. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** How does the Welsh Government ensure that Welsh interests are fully represented in UK-wide and international bodies? OAQ(4)1842 (FM)W

**10. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the impact of the UK Government's welfare reform programme on communities in the Vale of Clwyd? OAQ(4)1843(FM)

**11. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What information does the Welsh Government receive from the UK Government about the impact of welfare reform? OAQ(4)1849(FM)

**12. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the First Minister provide the Assembly with an update on the timetable for introducing Welsh language standards? OAQ(4)1845(FM)W

**13. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on access to public transport in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)1847(FM)

**14. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the dairy industry in Wales? OAQ(4)1841(FM)W

**15. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact that changes to welfare benefits at the UK level has had in Wales? OAQ(4)1844(FM)

# 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 30 September and Wednesday 1 October 2014

Tuesday 7 October 2014 and Wednesday 8 October 2014

Tuesday 14 October 2014 and Wednesday 15 October 2014

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Tuesday 30 September 2014

## Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: The Draft Budget 2015–16 (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Learning in Digital Wales Programme Update (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Community Support Officers – One Year On (30 mins)
- Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No–2) on the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill in respect of provisions relating to offence of ill-treatment or wilful neglect by care workers (15 mins)
- Debate: Public Service Broadcasting (60 mins)

Wednesday 1 October 2014

## Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)

## Assembly Business

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- Motion to amend Standing Order 26 in relation to Acts of the Assembly (5 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West) (30 mins)

**Tuesday 7th October 2014**

### **Government Business**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: The Planning (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Qualified for Life: An Education Improvement Plan for Wales (45 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Response to the Welsh Co-operative and Mutuals Commission Report (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Launch of the 2014 Invest to Save funding round (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Community Support Officers – One Year On (30 mins)
- Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No-4) on the Deregulation Bill: amendment in relation to tenancy deposit legislation (15 mins)

**Wednesday 8th October 2014**

### **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Public Services (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)

### **Assembly Business**

- Debate on the report of the Finance Committee's Best Practice Budget Processes (60 mins)
- Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's Report on orthodontic services in Wales (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Keith Davies (Llanelli) (30 mins)

## **Tuesday 14 October 2014**

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Town Centre Regeneration (30 mins)
- The Town and Country Planning (Determination of Procedure) (Wales) Order 2014 (15 mins)
- Debate on the General Principles of the Higher Education (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Debate: The Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Annual Report 2013–14 (60 mins)

## **Wednesday 15 October 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 by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Annual Report (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Aled Roberts (North Wales) (30 mins)