

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 1 July 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business (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 Public Services (45 mins)

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3 Motion under Standing Order 17.3 to elect alternate members of the Standards of Conduct Committee (5 mins)

NDM5810 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects as alternate members of the Standards of Conduct Committee:

Ann Jones (Labour) for Mick Antoniw (Labour), Paul Davies (Welsh Conservatives) for Mark Isherwood (Welsh Conservatives), Elin Jones (Plaid Cymru) for Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) and Aled Roberts (Welsh Liberal Democrats) for Eluned Parrott (Welsh

Liberal Democrats).

4 Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Annual Report (60 mins)

NDM5800 Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Annual Report of the Public Accounts Committee for 2014–15, which was laid in the Table Office on 17 June 2015

Supporting Documents

[Public Accounts Committee Report](#)

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5801 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of a high standard of education for pupils in Wales, in order to increase their competitiveness both nationally and globally;
2. Believes that the Welsh Government has taken too long to develop measures to raise school standards in Wales;
3. Believes that regional consortia are not as effective as they need to be in helping school improvement; and
4. Believes that the Welsh Government's modern foreign language policy of creating centres of excellence is insufficient to address the need to raise standards of modern foreign language provision in schools in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Believes the Welsh Government's approach to school improvement has been confused, leading to delays and incoherence.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the finding by Professor Donaldson in his review that 'the acquisition of modern foreign languages will benefit from the earlier development of the Welsh language'.

Professor Donaldson's review 'Successful futures: independent review of curriculum and assessment arrangements in Wales' can be found at:

<http://gov.wales/docs/dcells/publications/150317-successful-futures-en.pdf>

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at end of point 4:

'and calls on the Welsh Government to introduce closely monitored targets for the uptake of modern foreign languages in order to halt their decline.'

6 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5802 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the education system should enable the education workforce to take the lead on professional development and on improving education standards;
2. Calls for the raising of the professional standards of the education workforce by making teaching a Master's level profession and improving continual professional development for the whole workforce; and
3. Calls for the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions to Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that a professional registration body can help with the continuous improvement of education staff and students and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure elected representation of peers from the teaching profession to the Education Workforce Council to ensure it is properly accountable.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

In point 2, delete all after 'and' and replace with: 'calls for better access to continual professional development for the whole workforce, regardless of employer; and'

Amendment 3 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises the advantage of the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions to Wales providing there is an appropriate transfer of resources."

[If amendment 3 is agreed, amendment 4 will be de-selected]

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point 3.

7 Voting time

8 Short Debate

NDM5794 Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East)

The threat of Islamist radicalisation: How working together can tackle extremism.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 July 2015

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 24 June 2015 for answer on 1 July 2015

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 Finance and Government Business

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

1. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the allocation of capital funding to the education and skills portfolio? OAQ(4)0574(FIN)

2. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the allocation of funding to the economy, science and transport portfolio? OAQ(4)0579(FIN)W

3. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on EU funding for social businesses? OAQ(4)0571(FIN)

4. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on all budget allocations made to the public services portfolio? OAQ(4)0583(FIN)

5. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the allocation of funding to the central services and administration budget expenditure line? OAQ(4)0578(FIN)

6. Keith Davies (Llanelli): What priorities did the Minister consider when allocating funding to the public services portfolio? OAQ(4)0587(FIN)W

7. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on lessons learnt by the public sector following invest-to-save schemes? OAQ(4)0573(FIN)

8. Janet Haworth (North Wales): What recent discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Natural Resources regarding the overall budget allocation to his portfolio? OAQ(4)0576(FIN)

9. Altaf Hussain (South Wales West): Will the Minister outline how she allows for flexibility when allocating funding to the health and social services budget? OAQ(4)0582(FIN)

10. Aled Roberts (North Wales): What additional resources have been allocated to the Education and Skills portfolio following the publication of the supplementary budget last week? OAQ(4)0586(FIN)W

11. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on her budget tour around Wales with particular reference to north Wales? OAQ(4)0584(FIN)W

12. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's dealings with construction companies that have used blacklists in the past? OAQ(4)0572(FIN)

13. Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of UK Government in-year funding cuts on the Welsh budget? OAQ(4)0570(FIN)

14. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's communication strategy for the investment of European structural funds? OAQ(4)0577(FIN)

15. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the JEREMIE Fund and how it applies in Wales? OAQ(4)0588(FIN)

To ask the Minister for Public Services

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

1. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): What are the Welsh Government's priorities for improving public services in west Wales? OAQ(4)0588(PS)W

2. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley): Does the Welsh Government have any plans to review the All Wales Youth Offending Strategy? OAQ(4)0585(PS)

3. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government action to tackle domestic violence? OAQ(4)0577(PS)

4. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's package of support for the armed forces community in Wales? OAQ(4)0590(PS)

5. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): What discussions has the Minister held with the Welsh Local Government Association regarding the timing of future local elections? OAQ(4)0581(PS)W

6. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on the work of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales? OAQ(4)0591(PS)

7. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): What can the Minister do to encourage all local authorities to engage with the Institute for Welsh Affairs's Good Food for All agenda? OAQ(4)0592(PS)

- 8. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What guarantees can the Minister provide that additional police officers funded by the Welsh Government are being used to create a sense of community safety? OAQ(4)0593(PS)W
- 9. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister make a statement on local government reorganisation in south east Wales? OAQ(4)0586(PS)
- 10. William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the scheduling of local authority elections? OAQ(4)0578(PS)
- 11. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister outline his assessment of the costs of local government reorganisation? OAQ(4)0579(PS)
- 12. Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd):** How is the Welsh Government promoting the living wage in public services in Wales? OAQ(4)0582(PS)
- 13. Leanne Wood (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the level of service that the fire service provides in South Wales Central? OAQ(4)0589(PS)
- 14. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** What discussions has the Minister held regarding the devolution of policing? OAQ(4)0587(PS)W
- 15. David Rees (Aberavon):** What is the Welsh Government doing to help prevent an increase in domestic violence against women during sporting tournaments? OAQ(4)0584(PS)