

# Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date: 29 September 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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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

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the decision by the Welsh Government to cease the publication of cabinet decision reports?

## 2 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

[View Business Statement and Announcement](#)

## 3 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Local Government (Wales) Bill

(180 mins)

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.



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

**1. Voluntary mergers of local authorities: public involvement**

14, 26, 27

**2. Voluntary mergers of local authorities: Assembly procedures**

1, 7, 10

**3. Voluntary mergers of local authorities: economic regeneration and use of the Welsh language**

32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39

**4. Amendments to the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004**

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**5. Voluntary mergers of local authorities: cycle of elections**

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**6. Voluntary mergers of local authorities: consequential provision**

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**7. Voluntary mergers of local authorities: duties on Welsh Ministers to report**

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**8. Electoral arrangements for new principal areas: directions, guidance and reporting**

2, 25, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12

**9. Voluntary mergers of local authorities: elections**

5, 13, 28, 30, 31

**10. Amendment to the Local Government Finance Act 1992**

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**11. Code of Practice on Workforce Matters**

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**12. Youth Councils**

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**13. Restraints on transactions by merging authorities: Assembly procedure**

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**Supporting Documents**

[Local Government \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled List of Amendments](#)

[Grouping of Amendments](#)

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 30 September 2015

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 24 September 2015 for answer on 29 September 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)

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### To ask the First Minister

- 1. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's school modernisation programme? OAQ(4)2466(FM)
- 2. Janet Haworth (North Wales):** Will the First minister outline what plans the Welsh Government has to increase GP recruitment in Wales? OAQ(4)2464(FM)
- 3. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Will the First Minister make a statement on teachers' workload? OAQ(4)2467(FM)
- 4. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on funding local government? OAQ(4)2457(FM)R
- 5. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central):** What work has the Welsh Government done to assess the reduction in carbon emissions that will arise from the South Wales Metro project? OAQ(4)2470(FM)
- 6. Elin Jones (Ceredigion):** What are the Welsh Government's priorities for improving NHS performance? OAQ(4)2468(FM)W
- 7. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister provide an update on communications between the Welsh Government and Network Rail? OAQ(4)2472(FM)
- 8. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** What is the Welsh Government doing to support businesses in north-east Wales? OAQ(4)2469(FM)
- 9. John Griffiths (Newport East):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the role of trade unions in realising Welsh Government strategy and policy? OAQ(4)2471(FM)

**10. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on support for GP practices in North Wales?  
OAQ(4)2463(FM)

**11. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the First Minister make a statement on data sharing between Flying Start and the relevant primary or infant schools? OAQ(4)2456(FM)

**12. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** What discussions has the First Minister had with the UK Government regarding the migrant crisis following the EU leaders' meeting in Brussels last week? OAQ(4)2473(FM)W

**13. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd):** What assessment has the First Minister made of the impact of the UK Government's proposal to close magistrates' courts in Wales? OAQ(4)2459(FM)

**14. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on emergency services in South Wales West?  
OAQ(4)2462(FM)

**15. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the First Minister make a statement on local authority redundancy spend? OAQ(4)2458(FM)

# Agenda Item 2

## Business Statement and Announcement

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Tuesday 6 October 2015 and Wednesday 7 October 2015

Tuesday 13 October 2015 and Wednesday 14 October 2015

Tuesday 20 October 2015 & Wednesday 21 October 2015

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Tuesday 6 October 2015

## Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Outcome of Land Transactions Tax and Landfill Disposals Tax consultations (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: Benefits delivered through the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Programme (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: The Refugee Crisis (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services on: Organ donation: Implementing the Human Transplantation (Wales) 2013 Act (30 mins)
- Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following together but with separate votes:
  - The Human Transplantation (Excluded Relevant Material) (Wales) Regulations 2015 – to be made under Section 7 of the Act (10 mins)
  - The Human Transplantation (Appointed Representatives) (Wales) Regulations 2015 – to be made under Section 8 of the Act. (10 mins)
  - The Human Transplantation (Persons who Lack Capacity to Consent) (Wales) Regulations 2015 – to be made under Section 9 of the Act (10 mins)

- The Human Tissue Authority's Code of Practice (10 mins)
- Stage 4 debate on the Local Government (Wales) Bill (15 mins)

**Wednesday 7 October 2015**

### **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

### **Assembly Business**

- Debate on a Petitions Committee Report – Mandatory Welsh legislation to ensure Defibrillators in all public places (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Mike Hedges (Swansea East) (30 mins)

**Tuesday 13 October 2015**

### **Government Business**

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Progress of the EU funding programmes (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Tackling Poverty through Employability Support (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Co-operatives and Mutuals Action Plan (30 mins)
- Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Implementing the National Youth Work Strategy (30 mins)
- The Town and Country Planning (Power to Override Easements and Applications by Statutory Undertakers) (Wales) Order 2015 (15 mins)

**Wednesday 14 October 2015**

**Government Business**

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

**Assembly Business**

- Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's report on its Inquiry into Poverty in Wales – Poverty and Inequality (60 mins)
- Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire) (30 mins)

**Tuesday 20 October 2015**

**Government Business**

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- The Microchipping of Dogs (Wales) Regulations 2015 (15 mins)
- Debate on the General Principles of the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Debate on the Financial Resolution of the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill (5 mins)
- Debate on the General Principles of the Environment (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Debate on the Financial Resolution of the Environment (Wales) Bill (5 mins)
- Debate on the Welsh Government's response to the Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report (60 mins)

**Wednesday 21 October 2015**

## **Government Business**

- Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (45 mins)

## **Assembly Business**

- Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on the inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Lynne Neagle (Torfaen) (30 mins)