

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 10 January 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda (36)v3

1. Questions to the First Minister (60 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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2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Older People's Commissioner for Wales: Dignified Care? – Progress (30 mins)

4. Motion to approve The London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Advertising and Street Trading) (Wales) Regulations 2012 (15 mins)

NDM4880 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Advertising and Trading) (Wales) Regulations 2012 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 18 November 2011.

Supporting Documents

[The London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games \(Advertising and Trading\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2012](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#)

[Letter from the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development on the merits of the Statutory](#)

[Instrument.](#)

5. Debate on the Local Government Settlement (60 mins)

NDM4881 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2012–2013 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was laid in the Table Office on 9th December 2011.

Supporting Document

[Local Government Finance Report \(No. 1\) 2012–2013 \(Final Settlement – Councils\)](#)

6. Debate on European Programmes (60 mins)

NDM4882 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the positive contribution made by current and previous European Programmes.
2. Welcomes the role of European funding including the Common Agricultural Policy and European Structural Funds as vital in supporting Wales' economy.
3. Recognises that playing a full and pro-active role within the EU brings economic, social and cultural benefits aside from those arising from European Programmes.
4. Notes with concern the decision of the UK Government to exercise its veto during discussions in Brussels on 9th December 2011 and urges the UK Government to work constructively with other Member States to ensure the UK returns to playing a central role within the EU in order to promote the wider interests of Wales and the other constituent parts of the UK in the formulation of policy and administration of European Programmes as well as the further development of European economic, cultural and social policy.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Regrets that successive Welsh Governments have failed to maximise the potential of EU programmes and that parts of Wales remain amongst the poorest in the European

Union.

If Amendment 1 is agreed Amendments 2 and 3 will be deselected

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Notes the positive contribution made by European Programmes and further recognises the importance of the European market to our economy, with 39.9% of Welsh exports going to EU countries.

Amendment 3 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

In point 1 after 'Programmes' insert 'but also notes the failure of the Welsh Government to effectively use those programmes to improve Wales' relative economic prosperity'.

Amendment 4 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert new point after point 2 and renumber:

Calls on the Welsh Government to prioritise Wales' national interests with regard to discussions on European programmes and European policy.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

4. Welcomes the decision of the UK Government to exercise its veto during discussions in Brussels on 9th December 2011 and supports the UK Government's commitment to serving the best interests of the people of Wales and Britain in EU funding negotiations.

If Amendment 5 is agreed Amendment 6 will be deselected

Amendment 6 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

In point 4 delete 'returns to playing' and insert 'plays'.

Amendment 7 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to engage with the UK Government in a constructive

manner to work in the Welsh national interest and to maximise the benefits of EU programmes for Wales.

Voting Time

Voting Time commenced at 17.02

7. Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM4883 Llyr Huws Gruffydd (North Wales): Making sustainable transport easier for rural communities

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30 on Wednesday, 11 January 2012