

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 26 February 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda (115)v5

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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Proposal for an Urgent Debate

Simon Thomas:

That the Assembly should consider the Welsh Ministers' response to the Welsh Language Commissioner's proposals for Welsh language standards.

2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: The Estyn Reports on Merthyr Tydfil and Monmouthshire (45 mins)

Supporting Documents

[Estyn Report on Merthyr Tydfil](#)

[Estyn Report on Monmouthshire](#)

[Cabinet Written Statement](#)

4. Statement by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development:

Developing community energy schemes in Wales (45 mins)

5. Statement by the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage: Sporting Opportunities for Disabled People in Wales (30 mins)

6. Debate: Government support for new business in Wales (60 mins)

NDM5169 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to ensure that there is a wide range of advice and initiatives to encourage and support entrepreneurship and start-up businesses in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 1 and renumber:

'Expresses concern that many new businesses in Wales rely on bank overdrafts and credit cards as primary sources of funding to cover cash flow problems for day to day activities.'

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete 'Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to ensure that there is' and replace with 'Notes the importance of the Welsh Government providing'.

Amendment 3 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales east)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the business birth rate for the priority sectors is lower than that of the non-priority sectors and calls on the government to ensure entrepreneurship is promoted in schools and colleges.

Amendment 4 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales east)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consider the merits of bringing different

government support schemes and initiatives together in order to develop a more consistent and coordinated approach to business start-up support.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the enterprise birth rate in Wales remains below the UK average.

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need to harness entrepreneurial spirit from a young age and believes the establishment of social enterprises in all secondary schools would ensure our young people are equipped with important business skills.

Amendment 7 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to prioritise a localised approach to supporting new businesses.

Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the positive impact business rate relief has in encouraging the development of business start-ups in Wales, and urges the Welsh Government to provide further rate relief for small businesses.

Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes the proposals for new business outlined in 'A Vision for Welsh Investment: Invest Wales' should be strongly considered by the review into Welsh business access to finance commissioned by the Welsh Government in January 2013.

'A Vision for Welsh Investment: Invest Wales' can be found on the following link:

http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/invest_wales_final.pdf

Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to promote a range of sources of funding for start-up businesses, for example through Credit Unions and other Community Development Finance Initiatives.

Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to further promote entrepreneurship opportunities in Wales to students studying at both Higher and Further Education levels.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 27 February 2013