

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 3 December 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



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

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Given the deterioration in Wales's Programme for International Student Assessment results, what steps is the Minister taking to urgently improve educational standards and attainment in Wales?

2 Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport (45 mins)

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3 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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4 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Responses to the "Renting Homes" White Paper (30 mins)

5 Debate on the General Principles of the Education (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

NDM5376 Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Education (Wales) Bill.

The Education (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 1 July 2013.

The report of Children and Young People Committee on the Education (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 22 November 2013

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets part 3 is not contained within a separate special educational needs Bill for children and young people.

Supporting Documents

[The Education \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[The report of Children and Young People Committee on the Education \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee – Report on the Education \(Wales\) Bill](#)

6 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Education (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

NDM5377 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Education (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

7 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill (60 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. Review of operation of Act

4, 1

2. Transitional arrangements

6, 7

3. Representation on governing bodies

5, 5A, 3

Amendment 5 is the lead amendment in the group

These amendments will be disposed of in the order: 5A, 5, 3

4. Consultation by the body

8

5. Redundancy dismissal

2

Supporting Documents

[The Further and Higher Education \(Governance and Information\) \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Marshalled List of Amendments](#)

[Grouping of Amendments](#)

8 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47.

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill

9 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the NHS Finance (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

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1. Overview

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2. Financial Duties of Local Health Boards

2

3. Planning Duties of Local Health Boards and Welsh Ministers

3

4. Reporting

4, 4A, 5, 7, 8

These amendments will be disposed of in the order – 4A, 4, 5, 7

5. Power to Borrow

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Supporting Documents

[The NHS Finance \(Wales\) Bill](#)

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Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the NHS Finance (Wales) Bill

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 4 December 2013

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 28 November 2013 for answer on 3 December 2013

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. **Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** What recent discussions has the First Minister had in relation to policing in Wales? OAQ(4)1374(FM)
2. **Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for the environment in Torfaen? OAQ(4)1385(FM)
3. **Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the level of business rates in south east Wales? OAQ(4)1372(FM)
4. **Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East):** What is the Welsh Government doing to promote the living wage among employers in Wales? OAQ(4)1373(FM)
5. **Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What plans does the First Minister have to increase the range of flights at Cardiff Airport? OAQ(4)1386(FM)
6. **Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the number of people using prepay metres for energy bills in Islwyn? OAQ(4)1375(FM)
7. **Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** How is the Welsh Government safeguarding older people in their homes? OAQ(4)1380(FM)
8. **Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** What discussions has the First Minister had with local authority leaders regarding the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy? OAQ(4)1384(FM)
9. **William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the First Minister outline the impact of Welsh Government health policies on South Wales East? OAQ(4)1379(FM)

10. **Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh NHS procedure for assessing Individual Patient Funding Requests? OAQ(4)1376(FM)

11. **Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on credit unions? OAQ(4)1371(FM)

12. **Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the Programme for International Student Assessment? OAQ(4)1387(FM)

13. **Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** What is the Welsh Government doing to increase passenger numbers on rail routes throughout Wales? OAQ(4)1383(FM)

14. **Leighton Andrews (Rhondda):** Will the First Minister elaborate on comments he made in his recent speech in Scotland on the position of Sterling in relation to Wales? OAQ(4)1370(FM)

15. **Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the implementation of nuchal scanning in Wales? OAQ(4)1382(FM)

Agenda Item 2

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 26 November 2013 for answer on 3 December 2013

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 Culture and Sport

1. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of sports facilities across Wales? OAQ(4)0100(CS)W
2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of libraries in Wales? OAQ(4)0092(CS)
3. Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on community ownership of sport? OAQ(4)0089(CS)
4. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's vision for sport? OAQ(4)0095(CS)
5. David Rees (Aberavon): How is the Minister working with other Ministerial departments to support Wales' heritage sector? OAQ(4)0099(CS)
6. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's use of bodies outside Wales to promote sports events in Wales? OAQ(4)0097(CS)W
7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on progress in compiling a Register of Historic Battlefields in Wales? OAQ(4)0091(CS)
8. Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central): How does the Minister promote effective use of allotments? OAQ(4)0101(CS)
9. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline measures to encourage young people to participate in artistic activities? OAQ(4)0090(CS)
10. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): What action is the Welsh Government taking to safeguard Wales' religious heritage? OAQ(4)0087(CS)

11. Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the protection of sites of historic interest in Montgomeryshire? OAQ(4)0094(CS)
12. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): Will the Minister outline his priorities for sport in Wales for the remainder of this Assembly term? OAQ(4)0088(CS)
13. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on the Arts in Education Review? OAQ(4)0098(CS)
14. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn): Will the Minister make a statement on what the Welsh Government is doing to attract sports events and championships to Wales? OAQ(4)0096(CS)W
15. Gwyn Price (Islwyn): Will the Minister make a statement on the preservation of historic buildings in Wales? OAQ(4)0093(CS)

Agenda Item 3

Business Statement and Announcement

Tuesday 10 December and Wednesday 11 December 2013

Recess: Monday 16 December 2013 – Sunday 12 January 2014

Tuesday 14 January and Wednesday 15 January 2014

Tuesday 21 January and Wednesday 22 January 2014

Tuesday 10 December 2013

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: PISA 2012 (30 mins)
- LCM on the Water Bill (15 mins)
- Debate on the Final Budget 2014–15 (60 mins)
- Debate on the Sustainable Development Annual Report (60 mins)
- Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

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- Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

Wednesday 11 December 2013

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)

- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Julie Morgan (Cardiff North) (30 mins)

Tuesday 14 January 2014

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Culture and Sport: Historic Environment Services in Wales (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Implementation of a new Common Agricultural Policy (30 mins)
- The Public Audit (Wales) Act (Consequential Amendments) (No.2 Wales) Order 2013 (15 mins)
- Debate: The 2014–15 Local Government Revenue & Capital Settlements (60 mins)
- Debate: The Annual Report on Equality 2012–13 (60 mins)

Wednesday 15 January 2014

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services (45 mins)
- Questions to the Counsel General (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (120 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate (30 mins)

Tuesday 21 January 2014

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement & Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Hywel Dda Service Change Plans (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Local Government Performance – Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Improving the Energy Performance of Buildings in Wales (30 mins)
- The Legislative Reform (Payments by Parish Councils, Community Councils and Charter Trustees) Order 2013 (15 mins)
- Debate on Ensuring Wider Access to our Heritage and Culture (60 mins)

Wednesday 22 January 2014

Government Business

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

Assembly Business

- Questions to the Assembly Commission (15 mins)
- Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Youth Entrepreneurship (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate (30 mins)