

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 21 April 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

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National
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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

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on initiatives to tackle the alarming rate of deliberate grass fires? EAQ(4)0548(PS)

2 Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (30 mins)

4 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: The Digital First Strategy (30 mins)

5 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: Cleaner, Safer Places for our Communities (30 mins)

6 Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Community Asset Transfers in Wales (30 mins)

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following three items together but with separate votes

7 The Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) Wales Order (5 mins)

NDM3736 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 Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (Wales) Order 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 March 2015.

Supporting Documents

[The Homelessness \(Suitability of Accommodation\) \(Wales\) Order 2015](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#) – *no reporting points*

8 The Homelessness (Intentionality) (Specified Categories) (Wales) Regulations (5 mins)

NDM3737 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 Homelessness (Intentionality) (Specified Categories) (Wales) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 March 2015.

Supporting Documents

[The Homelessness \(Intentionality\) \(Specified Categories\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#) – *no reporting points*

9 The Homelessness (Review Procedures) (Wales) Regulations (5 mins)

NDM3738 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 Homelessness (Review Procedure) (Wales) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 March 2015.

Supporting Documents

[The Homelessness \(Review Procedure\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#) – *no reporting points*

10 Debate on The Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service of Wales (60 mins)

NDM3739 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes:

a) the introduction of a new clinical Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service for Wales, and

b) that the service will provide patients in remote and rural areas with rapid access to a consultant in emergency or intensive care medicine.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

In sub-point b), delete 'rapid' and replace with 'improved'.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that access to emergency services in Wales has deteriorated in recent years due to hospital downgrades, poor ambulance service performance and record-breaking cuts to the NHS budget.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the continued failure of the ambulance service to hit its response times and the impact this has had on emergency services in Wales.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to expand the intermediate care fund to prevent unnecessary demands on the emergency care system.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the announcement in the 2015 UK Government Budget that the Wales Air Ambulance Trust is to receive £1.5 million in funding from LIBOR fines to help fund new equipment and training.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the establishment of an Urgent Care Centre in Montgomeryshire to bring care closer to our communities and relieve pressure on A&E departments in Wrexham and Shrewsbury, due to the increasing number of patients travelling long distances to access care as a result of a lack of joined up planning between health boards.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for greater investment in cottage hospitals and community care, to help ensure high-quality care in the community to reduce pressure on emergency services.

11 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 22 April 2015

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 16 April 2015 for answer on 21 April 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. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon): Will the First Minister make a statement on the implications of the reduction in the Welsh Government's budget for 2015–16 on public services in Wales? OAQ(4)2218(FM)W

2. Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the First Minister make a statement on Welsh Government priorities for public transport in west Wales? OAQ(4)2208(FM)W

3. David Rees (Aberavon): Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's transport programme for the remainder of this Assembly term? OAQ(4)2215(FM)

4. William Graham (South Wales East): Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's consideration of the Institute of Welsh Affairs' report 'An Economic Strategy for Wales'? OAQ(4)2222(FM)

5. Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on the energy efficiency of the Welsh housing stock? OAQ(4)2221(FM)W

6. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Will the First Minister make a statement on school closures in South Wales West? OAQ(4)2213(FM)

7. Gwenda Thomas (Neath): Will the First Minister make a statement on the regulation of bus services in Wales? OAQ(4)2212(FM)

8. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What studies has the Welsh Government undertaken to update the findings of the Holtham Report 2010? OAQ(4)2210(FM)W

9. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): Will the First Minister outline the Welsh Government's plans for strengthening economic growth in south-east Wales? OAQ(4)2206(FM)

10. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the First Minister make a statement on school standards in Torfaen? OAQ(4)2219(FM) **WITHDRAWN**

11. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East): What action will the Welsh Government take in 2015 to improve NHS waiting times? OAQ(4)2207(FM)

12. Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales): What are the Welsh Government's priorities for childcare provision? OAQ(4)2223(FM)

13. William Powell (Mid and West Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on enforcement action against fly-tipping in Wales? OAQ(4)2217(FM)

14. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the First Minister make a statement on the future of Welsh church and chapel buildings? OAQ(4)2205(FM)

15. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly): Will the First Minister make a statement on the benefits of European Union membership to Wales? OAQ(4)2214(FM)

Agenda Item 2

Business Statement and Announcement

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Tuesday 28th April 2015 & Wednesday 29th April 2015

Tuesday 5th May 2015 & Wednesday 6th May 2015

Tuesday 12th May 2015 & Wednesday 13th May 2015

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Tuesday 28 April 2015

Government Business

- First Minister's Oral Assembly Questions (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Public Services on: Update on the Welsh Government's commitment to introduce an additional 500 Community Support Officers in Wales (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills on: Update on Schools Challenge Cymru (30 mins)
- Order of consideration of amendments for the Planning (Wales) Bill (5 mins)
- Debate on the Annual Report on Equality 2013–2014 (60 mins)
- Debate on The Legislative Programme (60 mins)

Wednesday 29 April 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 Finance Committee's report on Best Practise Budget Process Part 2 – Planning and implementing new budget procedures (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Liberal Democrats (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Suzy Davies (South Wales West) (30 mins) – *Postponed to 13 May 2015*

Tuesday 5 May 2015

Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Introduction of the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Stage 3 Debate on the Planning (Wales) Bill (180 mins)

Wednesday 6 May 2015

Government Business

- Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)
- Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

Assembly Business

- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Time allocated to Plaid Cymru (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales) (30 mins)

Tuesday 12 May 2015

Government Business

- Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)
- Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Public Services on: Anniversary of VE Day – working with and supporting our Armed Forces community today (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport on: Blue Badges (30 mins)
- Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business on: EU Funding Ambassadors (30 mins)
- The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Order 2015 (15 mins)
- Introduction of the Environment (Wales) Bill (60 mins)
- Debate on: The Liver Disease Delivery Plan (60 mins)

Wednesday 13 May 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 by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)
- Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on its inquiry into new psychoactive substances (60 mins)
- Time allocated to the Welsh Conservatives (60 mins)
- Short Debate – Suzy Davies (South Wales West) (30 mins) – *Postponed from 29 April 2015 (30 mins)*