

## Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 10 June 2015**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (45 mins)**

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### **2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)**

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### **3 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5780 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Welsh Conservative plans to give council taxpayers improved understanding of how their council tax is spent.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with councils to improve the accountability of council tax spend.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to improve transparency in local government spend across Wales.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that council tax represents only about 14 per cent of councils' expenditure in Wales.

**Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to produce an equitable local taxation system that is fair, affordable and which reduces the burden on those least able to pay.

**4 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)**

**NDM5781 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to take effective action to promote women's full economic participation.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the introduction of shared parental leave that came into force in April 2015, which will support men taking a more active role in parenthood, and support women's return to full economic participation following childbirth.

### **Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need to close the gender pay gap to ensure that women have access to quality, well-paid and flexible employment.

### **Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the benefit of affordable, high-quality childcare in supporting women back to the workplace.

### **Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Adds as new point at end of motion:

Supports calls for Wales to become a living wage nation to tackle the gender pay gap.

### **5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)**

#### **NDM5779 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the current system for ensuring the quality and safety of healthcare services is not fit for purpose and that Healthcare Inspectorate Wales does not fulfil the need for independent inspection of the health system in Wales.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a more robust quality assurance system that includes:
  - a) scrapping Health Inspectorate Wales and establishing a new inspectorate that is fully independent of the Welsh Government;
  - b) appointing a chief inspector for hospitals and healthcare;
  - c) introducing clinically-led and peer-reviewed inspections with significant patient

input;

d) supporting staff and patients to use mechanisms for whistleblowing by encouraging a stronger culture of openness and transparency; and

e) reforming the complaints procedure to ensure greater independence and restore the trust of patients and their families.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Insert new sub-point at end of point 2:

f) considering a full merger of health and social care inspectorates.

**Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to increase transparency in the inspection and regulation of healthcare providers in Wales by commissioning a full and independent inquiry into the Welsh NHS.

**6 Voting time**

**7 Short Debate (30 mins)**

**NDM5782 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Gastroenterology – improving awareness and treatment in Wales

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 16 June 2015

# Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 3 June 2015  
for answer on 10 June 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)**

## To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

**1. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the uptake of Welsh as a second language by students in post-16 education? OAQ(4)0588(ESK)

**2. Gwyn Price (Islwyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on participation in lifelong learning? OAQ(4)0591(ESK)

**3. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans to improve the uptake of modern foreign languages? OAQ(4)0589(ESK)

**4. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the educational performance of Wales's most deprived young people? OAQ(4)0584(ESK)

**5. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of music education in Wales?  
OAQ(4)0580(ESK)

**6. David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress being made in promoting a greater uptake of STEM subjects?  
OAQ(4)0594(ESK)

**7. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What discussions has the Minister had regarding loans to study post-graduate degrees?  
OAQ(4)0593(ESK)W

**8. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** Will the Welsh Government provide an update on the actions being taken to reduce the number of

young people who are not in education, employment or training in Wales? OAQ(4)0592(ESK)

**9. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Lead Creative Schools scheme in Montgomeryshire? OAQ(4)0585(ESK)

**10. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement about funding to higher education institutions? OAQ(4)0586(ESK)

**11. Peter Black (South Wales West):** How is the Welsh Government supporting teachers to safeguard pupils in schools? OAQ(4)0582(ESK)

**12. Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionydd):** What new specific measures does the Minister have in place to attract more higher level research students to Wales? OAQ(4)0587(ESK)W

**13. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of education for children with profound additional learning needs? OAQ(4)0590(ESK)R

**14. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** What consideration has the Minister given to the role of schools in Wales in preparing pupils for work? OAQ(4)0583(ESK)

**15. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on his key priorities for education in Pembrokeshire? OAQ(4)0578(ESK)

### **To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport**

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

**1. Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline Welsh Government proposals for rail services in North Wales? OAQ(4)0569(EST)

- 2. David Rees (Aberavon):** Will the Minister provide a detailed timeline for the final decision on the future operation of the westbound entry slip road of junction 41 of the M4? OAQ(4)0581(EST)
- 3. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** What assistance does the Welsh Government provide to small businesses that are disadvantaged by late payments made to them by other companies? OAQ(4)0572(EST)
- 4. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the Wales Retail Relief scheme? OAQ(4)0579(EST)
- 5. John Griffiths (Newport East):** Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government supports the heavy manufacturing industry and its workforce in Wales? OAQ(4)0580(EST)
- 6. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement on the north Wales road network? OAQ(4)0571(EST)
- 7. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** What steps is the Welsh Government taking to protect our industrial heritage in west Wales? OAQ(4)0577(EST)W
- 8. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** What assessment has the Minister made of the effect of the implementation of the McNulty report on the future delivery of rail services in Wales? OAQ(4)0578(EST)
- 9. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans to encourage more small shops and stalls in our town and city centres? OAQ(4)0567(EST)
- 10. Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly):** Will the Minister make a statement on the proposed South Wales Metro development's impact on Caerphilly? OAQ(4)0576(EST)
- 11. Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the manufacturing industry in mid Wales? OAQ(4)0575(EST)
- 12. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on encouraging people to use Holyhead's new lorry park? OAQ(4)0570(EST)W

**13. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's transport priorities for west Wales? OAQ(4)0566(EST)

**14. Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister update the Assembly on the progress of the Swansea Bay City Region? OAQ(4)0574(EST)

**15. Mike Hedges (Swansea East):** Will the Minister provide an update on the proposed developments in SA1? OAQ(4)0573(EST)