

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 11 October 2011

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda (21)v4

1. Questions to the First Minister (60 mins)

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Urgent Question

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement regarding the University of Wales, in light of recent developments. EAQ(4)0052(ESK)

2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage: Welsh Housing Partnership (45 mins)

4. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Jobs Growth Wales (45 mins)

5. Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report (45 mins)

6. Debate on Corporate Parenting Responsibilities for Looked After Children (60 mins)

NDM4819 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1.) Notes the on-going challenge in improving outcomes for Looked After Children; and

2.) Recognises the importance of corporate parenting to the improvement of the life chances of looked after children.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to take urgent action to address findings by the Centre for Social Justice that 'once children are in care the State too often seems to lower their life outcomes, not raise them'.

The findings of the Centre for Social Justice can be found on the following link:

<http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/default.asp?pageRef=316>

Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to take urgent action to address failings in the provision of advocacy for looked after children, as outlined in the Children's Commissioner for Wales 2010/11 Annual Report.

The Children's Commissioner for Wales 2010/11 Annual Report can be found on the following link:

<http://www.childcom.org.uk/en/publications-list>

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to explore the feasibility of introducing a National Bursary, requiring local authorities to support looked after children who go into Higher Education.

Amendment 4 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with regret that just 1 in 10 children leaving care attains 5 A* to C grade GCSEs.

Amendment 5 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh government to pay the living costs and full tuition fees for looked after children attending university.

Amendment 6 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to extend duty of care to age 21, regardless of whether or not a child stays in education, in order to improve the life chances of

looked after children.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Wednesday, 12 October 2011