

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 7 February 2012

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 (60 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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2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)

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3. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: Update on the Isle of Anglesey County Council (30 mins)

4. Statement by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development: Climate Change Commission for Wales First Annual Report (30 mins)

Supporting Documents:

[Climate Change Commission for Wales: First Annual Report](#)

[Climate Change Strategy for Wales](#)

5. Debate on Teaching Makes a Difference (60 mins)

NDM4908 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the quality of teaching and leadership is key to transforming school performance, and
2. Welcomes the steps taken to introduce a Master's in Educational Practice from this autumn, the introduction of new professional standards for teachers including

literacy and numeracy requirements, and the new performance management regulations for teachers and headteachers.

The new professional standards for teachers can be accessed at the following link: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/circulars/practitioners/?lang=en>

The new performance management regulations for teachers can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2011/2940/contents/made>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete Point 1 and replace with:

Recognises the contribution made by the many outstanding school teachers and leaders in Wales as a key driver in transforming school performance.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert as new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Notes with concern the assessment in Estyn's Annual Report 2010/11 that "there has been a significant drop in the proportion of 'excellent' or 'outstanding' teaching being identified."

A link to the Estyn report can be found below:

<http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/annual-report/annual-report-2010-2011>

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In Point 2: Delete 'Welcomes' and replace with 'Notes'

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to further identify and evaluate variations in teaching standards across Wales and prioritise actions to address any concerns accordingly.

Amendment 5 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the optional nature of the Master's qualification means that the training needs of all newly qualified teachers may not be completely addressed.

Amendment 6 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the validation and monitoring of the Master's qualification is conducted according to the highest international standards.

Amendment 7 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to review the National Professional Qualification for Headship.

The National Professional Qualification for Headship can be accessed on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/circulars/mandatorynationalheadshipwales?lang=en>

6. Debate on Working Smarter – A new approach to regulation in the Agriculture Industry (60 mins)

NDM4907 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes “Working Smarter – A report of recommendations to the Welsh Government on better regulation in Farming”

Supporting Documents:

[“Working Smarter – a report of recommendations to the Welsh Government on better regulation in farming”](#)

[Welsh Government official response to the independent Working Smarter report](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Delete 'Notes' and replace with 'Welcomes'.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish regular updates on its progress toward meeting each of the 74 recommendations within the timescales set out in paragraph

17.1 of the Report.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the report recognises that “Anything less than the delivered outcomes should be regarded as a failure unless policies have determined that a changed result is desirable.”

Amendment 4 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the recommendations from the Report are implemented as soon as possible.

Amendment 5 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the report's view that Glastir was “introduced too soon and in a rushed fashion before the scheme policy detail was properly developed in a true partnership with stakeholders.”

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30 on Wednesday, 8 February 2012