

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Counsel General

(30 mins)

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2 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: The Trade Union (Wales) Bill

(60 mins)

3 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

4 Plaid Cymru debate

(60 mins)

NDM6208 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the First Minister – in the absence of any intervention by the UK Government – to meet with the interim Chair of Tata Steel to improve the terms of the deal offered by the company’s UK division for steelworkers in Wales; and that



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such an amended proposal should consist of binding, written commitments on employment, investment and the protection of accrued pension rights.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government, Unions and interested parties to prepare an alternative strategy in the event of the current proposal being rejected by the Welsh steel workforce.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the vital strategic importance of the steel industry to Wales and its economy.
2. Welcomes the significant support made available by the Welsh Government to keep steel production and steel jobs at all the TATA sites in Wales.
3. Notes the recent negotiations between trade unions and TATA on pensions and recognises that any changes to the pensions scheme are a decision for the workers through a democratic ballot and should be free of political interference.
4. Urges TATA to explain clearly and in full detail to workers impacted the implications of the agreement that has been reached.
5. Notes that the First Minister has led discussions with senior TATA management over recent months to ensure workers' rights are protected and will continue those discussions in the coming weeks.
6. Recognises that the Welsh Government will continue to do everything in its power to protect workers, their jobs and ensure a sustainable steel industry in Wales.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2. [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#):

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Agrees with workers and unions from Tata's Port Talbot steel plant that politicians should not be trying to influence workers over the proposed deal to keep the plant open.
2. Believes it is vital that workers are given the time and the necessary information to arrive at an informed choice about the proposals.

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the First Minister's comments on the deal offered to Tata Steel workers and its impact on the long-term future of the steel industry in Wales.
2. Recognises the UK Government's role in supporting the steel industry through the introduction of new public procurement rules and increased support with energy costs, saving the industry £400 million by the end of the current UK Parliament.
3. Acknowledges that this is the only proposal currently available to the Tata Steel workforce and calls on the Welsh Government to be prepared to work with the UK Government, Unions and interested parties to develop an alternative strategy in the event of the current proposal being rejected.

5 Plaid Cymru debate

(60 mins)

NDM6209 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that:

a) the National Grid should use underground or undersea cables or alternatives to carry electricity through National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Wales where feasible;

b) there should be a presumption in favour of underground cables or alternatives rather than electricity pylons in any new or current developments in Wales by the National Grid; and

c) a feasibility study should be carried out of the possibility of removing current pylons and replacing them with underground cables or other alternatives.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

In sub-point (b) delete 'a presumption in favour of' and replace with 'a preference for'.

Amendment 2. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

In sub-point (c) delete 'a feasibility study should be carried out of the possibility of removing current pylons and replacing them' and replace with 'Ofgem should commit to continue and extend the Visual Impact Provision project for Wales to replace current pylons'.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate

(30 mins)

NDM6205 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes concern at the three-and four-weekly bin collections proposed by some local authorities across Wales.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure councils collect residual waste no less frequently than fortnightly, to protect public health, and deter fly-tipping.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the three–and four–weekly bin collections proposed by some local authorities across Wales.
2. Notes the Welsh Government's target from Towards Zero Waste that all sectors in Wales will be recycling at least 70 per cent of their waste by 2025.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to enable people to increase the amount of waste they recycle through banning styrofoam packaging.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to enable people to increase the amount of waste they recycle through introducing a plastic, glass and can deposit scheme.

['Towards Zero Waste'](#)

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de–selected]

Amendment 2. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Wales' success in reaching 60 per cent recycling in 2015/16 and achieving the highest recycling rate in the UK and the 4th highest rate in Europe.
2. Accepts the autonomy of local authorities, in the spirit of localism, in deciding how often to collect residual waste whilst recognising that less frequent waste collections do not lead to increased fly tipping or constitute public health risks.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate

(30 mins)

NDM6207 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide more support for small businesses affected by the 2017 non-domestic rates revaluation, including more information regarding the £10m additional funding announced in December 2016.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises:

- a) non-domestic rates contribute £1bn towards the provision of public services in Wales;
- b) the Welsh Government will provide more than £200m of support for ratepayers in Wales in 2017-18 to pay non-domestic rates; and
- c) the Welsh Government's 2017-18 Budget includes a new £10m transitional rate relief scheme to help businesses affected by the 2017 revaluation carried out by the independent Valuation Office Agency and a new £10m special targeted relief scheme to provide additional support to high-streets.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at start of motion and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the £10m additional business rate relief secured by Plaid Cymru as part of the 2017/18 budget negotiations.

8 Voting time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6206 [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

Righting the wrongs – historical allegations relating to pupils at the Royal Cambrian and Llandrindod Wells Residential Schools for Deaf Children

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 January 2017

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 11 January 2017 for answer on 18 January 2017

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

To ask the Counsel General

1. **Huw Irranca-Davies (Ogmore)**: Will the Counsel General make a statement on the potential legal implications for the Welsh Government of a judicial review of Section 127 of the European Economic Area agreement? OAQ(5)0018(CG)
2. **Hefin David (Caerphilly)**: What discussions has the Counsel General had regarding the enforcement of Welsh Government legislation? OAQ(5)0016(CG)
3. **Eluned Morgan (Mid and West Wales)**: Will the Counsel General make a statement on the Welsh Government's legal preparations for the Wales Bill? OAQ(5)0019(CG)
4. **Jeremy Miles (Neath)**: What representations has the Counsel General made in relation to the impact of recent court closures in Wales? OAQ(5)0017(CG)
5. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**: What representations has the Counsel General made in relation to the Supreme Court case on Article 50? OAQ(5)0021(CG)W
6. **Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**: What discussions has the Counsel General had with other law officers regarding the Wales Bill? OAQ(5)0020(CG)W