

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 5 December 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

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1. Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 13:30

All 15 questions were asked. Questions 4 and 8 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills.

2. Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Communities

The item started at 14:18

All 15 questions were asked.

Urgent Question

The item started at 15:01

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Further to the Minister's written statement on the Mid-Year Review of NHS Finances, will the Minister make an urgent statement on the sustainability of NHS finances in Wales.

3. Statement by Mick Antoniw: Introduction of a Member proposed Bill – Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15:11

4. Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on Prevention of VTE in hospitalised patients

The item started at 15:43

NDM5116 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Health and Social Care Committee on its one-day inquiry into venous thrombo embolism prevention in hospitalised patients in Wales, which was laid in the Table Office on 10 October 2012.

Note: The response of the Minister for Health and Social Services to the report was laid in the Table Office on 28 November 2012.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16:22

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5114 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that the First Minister's Delivery Unit is ineffective, given the continued failure of the Welsh Government to improve the lives of the people of Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	39	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all and replace with:

Calls on the First Minister to publish an annual report outlining the Delivery Unit's progress in improving public services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	39	52

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new points at start of motion:

Regrets that, since the Delivery Unit was established:

- a) the number of patients being treated within 26 weeks and within 36 weeks has fallen, according to the September 2011 and September 2012 figures from StatsWales;
- b) the number of students that achieved 5A*-C GCSEs in Wales was considerably lower than in England;
- c) long-term youth unemployment has risen by 400%, according to August 2011 and August 2012 figures from the Office of National Statistics;

Further regrets that, despite the Delivery Unit the government is still unlikely to meet its target to eliminate fuel poverty amongst people living in social housing by 2012.

The waiting time statistics can be found on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/statistics/2012/121108sdr1942012en.pdf>

The youth unemployment figures can be found on the following link:

http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/gor/2013265930/subreports/gor_ccadr_time_series/report.aspx?

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

As the Assembly has not agreed the Motion without amendment, and has not agreed the amendments tabled to the Motion, the Motion is therefore not agreed.

6. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 17:23

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5115 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the continued high level of youth unemployment;

2. Welcomes the Welsh Government's agreement to provide an additional £20m for 2013–14, and a similar indicative sum for 2014–15, to fund extra apprenticeships and training opportunities for 16–24 year olds;

3. Recognises the need to further incentivise small and medium size employers to offer apprenticeships which can offer a range of skills to young people.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	18	52

The motion without amendment was agreed.

7. Short Debate – POSTPONED

NDM5113 Ken Skates (Clwyd South):

The Nutritional Recession – The impact of rising food prices and shrinking budgets on the nutritional health of Wales

Point of Order 1

Antoinette Sandbach raised a Point of Order regarding the timing of the Motion to suspend Standing Orders and the Motions to agree the Regulations. She asked how the Presiding Officer was satisfied that allowing the Motion to suspend Standing Orders was not an abuse of the rights of minorities within the Assembly.

The Presiding Officer confirmed that the Motion was in order as the Assembly had been given a week's notice that the Regulations would be debated.

Point of Order 2

Simon Thomas raised a Point of Order on the laying of legislation by the Welsh Government in English only.

The Presiding Officer clarified that Standing Orders permit this to happen in exceptional circumstances.

Motion to suspend Standing Orders 27.7 and 12.20(l) to allow the next two items of business to be debated (5 Mins)

The item started at 18:20

NDM5117 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) and Standing Order 27.7 to allow NDM5118 and NDM5119 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 5 December 2012.

A vote was taken on the Motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	0	18	51

As 2/3rds of the Members voting did not support the Motion, the Motion was not agreed.

Point of Order 3

The First Minister raised a Point of Order putting the Assembly on notice that he may consider writing to the Presiding Officer requesting a recall of the Assembly.

The Presiding Officer stated that she would consider any formal request she receives, but that she would want to know what circumstances had changed to justify a recall.

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

8. Motion to approve the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations

As 2/3rds of the Members voting did not support the Motion to suspend Standing Orders, items 8 and 9 could not be debated.

9. Motion to approve the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (Wales) Regulations

As 2/3rds of the Members voting did not support the Motion to suspend Standing Orders, items 8 and 9 could not be debated.

Voting Time

The item started at 18:57

The meeting concluded at 19:00

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 19 December 2012