

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 5 March 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(117)

Presiding Officer Statement

The Presiding Officer announced that on 4 March, Royal Assent was given to the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013.

1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 12 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

2. Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.17

3. Statement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science: Business Rates

The item started at 14.30

4. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Youth Engagement and Progression – Postponed until 23 April

5. Debate: The Second Supplementary Budget 2012–13

The item started at 14.53

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

NDM5162 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves the Second Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2012–13 laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on Tuesday, 5 February 2013.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	12	0	48

The motion was agreed.

6. Debate: International Women's Day

The item started at 15.30

NDM5174 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Celebrates International Women's Day 2013 in recognition of the role and contribution of women in Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the courage of women who have suffered abuse in reporting incidents and calls on the Welsh Government to promote an integrated strategy to tackle domestic and sexual violence.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways to increase the number of women in positions of power and influence in Wales.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended

NDM5174 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Celebrates International Women's Day 2013 in recognition of the role and contribution of women in Wales.
2. Recognises the courage of women who have suffered abuse in reporting incidents and calls on the Welsh Government to promote an integrated strategy to tackle domestic and sexual violence.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways to increase the number of women in positions of power and influence in Wales.

The motion as amended was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7. Debate on the Welsh Ministers' response to the Welsh Language Commissioner's proposals for Welsh language standards

The item started at 16.40

NNDM5176 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

That the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that:

- (a) the Minister for Education and Skills has decided not to proceed with the Welsh Language Commissioner's proposed Welsh language standards;
- (b) the Minister now intends to build on the Welsh Language Commissioner's consultation to develop a set of standards which will see rights established for Welsh speakers, with regard to Welsh language services; and
- (c) the Minister intends to make, with the National Assembly's approval, regulations making standards, and making the standards specifically applicable to persons, by the end of 2014.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that, over two years after the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 was passed, we are still a long way from the adoption of a formal set of standards for Welsh language services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	25	49

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a detailed timetable of action for the introduction of Welsh language standards by 2014.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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(a) the Minister for Education and Skills has decided not to proceed with the Welsh Language Commissioner's proposed Welsh language standards;

(b) the Minister now intends to build on the Welsh Language Commissioner's consultation to develop a set of standards which will see rights established for Welsh speakers, with regard to Welsh language services; and

(c) the Minister intends to make, with the National Assembly's approval, regulations making standards, and making the standards specifically applicable to persons, by the end of 2014.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a detailed timetable of action for the introduction of Welsh language standards by 2014.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

The motion as amended was agreed.

8. Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Public Audit (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.20

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

The Amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:

1. Technical and consequential

28, 29, 14, 26, 15A, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

2. Scheme of delegation

2, 3

3. WAO Employee Members

4, 5, 6, 7, 25

4. Annual plan

8, 9, 11

5. Preparation of interim reports

10, 12, 13

6. Transfer of staff to WAO

1*, 1A*, 27

* These amendments will be disposed of in the order—1A, 1

Voting was taken in the order set out in the Marshalled List of Amendments:

Amendment 28 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 29 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 5 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 6 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 7 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 25 was not moved.

Amendment 8 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 9 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 10 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 11 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 12 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 13 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 14 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 1A was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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Amendment 27 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 26 was not moved.

Amendment 15A was not moved.

Amendment 15 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 16 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 17 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 18 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 19 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 20 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 21 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 22 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 23 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 24 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

All sections and schedules of the Bill were deemed agreed, concluding Stage 3 proceedings.

9. Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Public Audit (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.50

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47. If the proposition is agreed:

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Public Audit (Wales) Bill.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Voting Time

The item started at 17.56

The meeting concluded at 18:06

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 6 March 2013