

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 9 July 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(145)

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14.19

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East) Will the Minister make a statement following the publication of the Jillings report?

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.28

3 Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Safer Communities for All – Update on Chapter 7 of the Programme for Government – to be issued as a written statement

4 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Transport Priorities – to be issued as a written statement

5 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services – Update on the Response to the Strategic Review of Welsh Ambulance Services

The item started at 14.41

6 Statement by the Minister for Finance: Progress on the Development of European Structural Fund Programmes 2014–2020 and the Welsh Government Report on the “Wales and the EU: Partnership for Jobs and Growth” Consultation

The item started at 15.29

7 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy

The item started at 16.02

8 Motion to approve the general principles of the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.40

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

NDM5289 Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.102:

Agrees to the general principles of the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to put the Bill through the full Public Bill procedure given the opportunity it had to do so, which would have included;

- a) detailed committee scrutiny of the Bill; and
- b) opportunity for a detailed committee report on the Bill.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Emergency Bill was brought before the Assembly before the Welsh Government's own consultation had closed and before the consultation responses were available for consideration.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Bill would allow Welsh Ministers to set minimum wages without any reference to an independent panel.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the establishment of an advisory panel under the Bill would be at the discretion of Welsh Ministers, who would control:

- a) the constitution and proceedings of the panel;
- b) the appointment of members to the panel;
- c) the general powers of the panel; and
- d) the addition, removal or amendment of functions of the panel.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that:

- a) the key purposes of the Bill include wage-setting functions; and

b) employment law is not listed under Schedule 7 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	34	51

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM5289 Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.102:

Agrees to the general principles of the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	0	17	50

The motion was agreed.

9 Motion to approve the financial resolution of the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.44

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

NDM5290 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	17	51

The motion was agreed.

10The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Amendments to the Mobile Homes Act 1983) (Wales) Order 2013

The item started at 17.46

It was agreed under Standing Order 12.24 that the following two items would be debated together but with separate votes.

NDM5287 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Amendments to the Mobile Homes Act 1983) (Wales) Order 2013 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 18 June 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

11 The Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1 and Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Order 2013

NDM5286 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1 and Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Order 2013 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 18 June 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

12 Legislative Consent Motion on the Care Bill – Postponed

13 Debate: The NHS in Wales – Learning from the Francis Inquiry

The item started at 17.56

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

NDM5288 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the actions to be taken by the Welsh Government in response to the Francis Report.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that mortality data contributed to the decision to commission the Francis Report and calls upon the Welsh Government to provide an update on any action being taken to resolve concerns which arose as result of the Welsh NHS mortality data published in March 2013.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern that the risk adjusted mortality index (RAMI) is higher than average in 11 of the 17 district general hospitals in Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to support LHBs to address the backlogs in clinical coding and establish a mechanism for investigation where a hospital or LHB consistently exceeds a specific RAMI threshold over a period of time.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern that the Francis Report cited long-term low staffing levels as one reason which contributed to poor treatment and calls on the Welsh Government to examine the potential of legislation to set a minimum staffing level for nurses in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	12	0	51

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the commitment to issue a new policy on whistle blowing before the end of July 2013 and calls on the Welsh Government to establish its own free whistle blowing hotline to support this policy and enable all NHS staff and patients to anonymously report their concerns.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5288 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 18.46

The meeting concluded at 18:51

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 10 July 2013