

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 10 December 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(169)

Tributes to Nelson Mandela

The item started at 13.30

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.48

The first 9 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 14.34

3 Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: PISA 2012

The item started at 14.43

4 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Recent Flooding in North Wales

The item started at 15.18

5 Legislative Consent Motion on the Water Bill

The item started at 16.01

NDM5303 Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions of the Water Bill as introduced in the House of Commons on 27 June 2013, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 18 September 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(i).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Final Budget 2014–15

The Item started at 16.08

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

NDM5382 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.25:

Approves the Annual Budget for the financial year 2014–2015 laid in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance on 3 December 2013.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20.28, the Annual Budget comprises the following information:

1. the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act;
2. the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;
3. a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;

4. a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion; and

5. a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c).

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	16	12	56

The motion was agreed.

7 Debate on the Sustainable Development Annual Report

The item started at 16.56

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

NDM5381 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the progress made on promoting sustainable development in 2012–13, as set out in the Welsh Government’s Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Scheme, which was laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 3 December 2013.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Notes with concern the comments made in the Welsh Government’s annual report by the Sustainable Futures Commissioner regarding the Welsh Government’s understanding of sustainable development and that there are still “systemic weaknesses in current governance structures for sustainable development”.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete “the progress made on promoting sustainable development in 2012–13, as set out in”.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

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

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the central role that education plays in developing a sustainable future for Wales and welcomes the Estyn thematic review of Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship to increase its focus and identify improvements.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the reduction in the public sector procurement of local food, that the existing ‘Food for Wales, Food from Wales’ strategy was not fit for purpose and calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a comprehensive labelling scheme for Welsh food and drink.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	11	28	56

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to give greater priority to evidence-gathering from those with practical experience when formulating sustainable development policies and involving them in delivery partnerships.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to report on how policies within the Programme for Government are linked to the Sustainable Development Indicators for Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Acknowledges the contribution made by the Sustainable Futures Commissioner in the commentary of the report.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 7 was agreed.

Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Recognises the continued concerns from the Sustainable Futures Commissioner regarding aspects of the structure and content of the report.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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55	0	0	55
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Amendment 8 was agreed.

Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls for a strong and effective future generations Bill to properly address the points raised by the Sustainable Futures Commissioner and for the Minister to engage with all parties and wider civic society in preparation of this Bill.

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 9 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5381 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes with concern the comments made in the Welsh Government’s annual report by the Sustainable Futures Commissioner regarding the Welsh Government’s understanding of sustainable development and that there are still “systemic weaknesses in current governance structures for sustainable development”.
2. Notes the progress made on promoting sustainable development in 2012–13, as set out in the Welsh Government’s Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Scheme, which was laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 3 December 2013.
3. Recognises the central role that education plays in developing a sustainable future for Wales and welcomes the Estyn thematic review of Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship to increase its focus and identify improvements.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to give greater priority to evidence–gathering from those with practical experience when formulating sustainable development policies and involving them in delivery partnerships.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to report on how policies within the Programme for Government are linked to the Sustainable Development Indicators for Wales.
6. Acknowledges the contribution made by the Sustainable Futures Commissioner in the commentary of the report.

7. Recognises the continued concerns from the Sustainable Futures Commissioner regarding aspects of the structure and content of the report.

8. Calls for a strong and effective future generations Bill to properly address the points raised by the Sustainable Futures Commissioner and for the Minister to engage with all parties and wider civic society in preparation of this Bill.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	12	56

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill

The Item started at 17.26

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. Microchipping

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2. Disposal of impounded horses

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3. Costs incurred by third parties

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4. Appointed person for disputes

6, 7

5. Guidance

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

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

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

Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

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

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

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

As amendment 9 was not agreed, amendment 10 fell.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	44	56

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

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

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	44	56

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

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

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

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

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 Control of Horses (Wales) Bill

The Item started at 18.31

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

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Control of Horses (Wales) Bill

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Voting Time

The item started at 18.43

The meeting concluded at 18:47

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 11 December 2013