

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 21 May 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(200)

1 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

The item started at 13.30

All 15 questions were asked. Question 1 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 14.15

The first 9 questions were asked. Questions 5 and 6 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

3 Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Report on Participation Levels in Sport

The item started at 15.02

NDM5509 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee into Participation Levels in Sport, which was laid in the Table Office on 13 March 2014.
The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.44

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5512 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Welsh Labour's policy failures during 15 years in government in Wales;
2. Regrets the lack of performance in:
 - a) The economy, with gross value added (GVA) now at 72.3% of the UK average;
 - b) Education, where Wales' standing in the PISA rankings has declined in each assessment period;
 - c) The NHS, with one person in seven in Wales on a waiting list.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	28	43

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to learn from the success of the Scottish Government in improving economic growth and public service delivery in a devolved context.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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6	15	22	43
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Amendment 1 was not agreed.

As the Assembly did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendment tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

Point of Order

Alun Davies raised a Point of Order regarding comments made by another Member about Blaenau Gwent, believing them to be out of order. The Deputy Presiding Officer ruled that nothing out of order was said.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16.49

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5511 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that parts of the South Wales Valleys continue to experience high levels of deprivation.
2. Recognises that tackling poverty in the Valleys requires sustained investment and Welsh Government intervention.
3. Notes the significant potential for the South Wales Valleys to promote their social and cultural heritage.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) directly support grass roots initiatives to tackle poverty and improve regeneration of the deprived Valleys areas;
 - b) ensure there is enough affordable child care to meet parents' needs;

c) ensure every person out of work in the Valleys has access to an apprenticeship or skills training;

d) develop, through public consultation, a comprehensive strategy to tackle the problems and build sustainable communities in the Valleys.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	15	43

The motion without amendment was agreed.

Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.44, the bell was rung at 17.44 and the meeting adjourned and reconvened at 17.46 for voting time.

6 Short Debate

The item started at 17.49

NDM5513 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Screening for Dyslexia in Wales

The importance of timely and adequate screening for dyslexia in Wales, particularly with regard to recently-developed techniques for screening primary school children being taught through the medium of Welsh.

The meeting concluded at 18.10

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 June 2014