

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 21 April 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(258)

Presiding Officer Statement

The Presiding Officer conveyed the Assembly's condolences to Mick Antoniw AM on the loss of his wife.

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14.15

William Graham (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on initiatives to tackle the alarming rate of deliberate grass fires? EAQ(4)0548(PS)

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.30

3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

The item started at 14.36

4 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: The Digital First Strategy

The item started at 15.07

5 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: Cleaner, Safer Places for our Communities

The item started at 15.26

6 Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Community Asset Transfers in Wales

The item started at 16.02

7 The Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) Wales Order

Items 7, 8 and 9 were grouped together for debate.

The item started at 16.39

NDM3736 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

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

Approves that the draft The Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (Wales) Order 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 March 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 The Homelessness (Intentionality) (Specified Categories) (Wales) Regulations

The item started at 16.39

NDM3737 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

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

Approves that the draft The Homelessness (Intentionality) (Specified Categories) (Wales) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 March 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 The Homelessness (Review Procedures) (Wales) Regulations

The item started at 16.39

NDM3738 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

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

Approves that the draft The Homelessness (Review Procedure) (Wales) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 10 March 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Debate on The Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service of Wales

The item started at 16.48

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

NDM3739 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes:

a) the introduction of a new clinical Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service for Wales, and

b) that the service will provide patients in remote and rural areas with rapid access to a consultant in emergency or intensive care medicine.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

In sub-point b), delete 'rapid' and replace with 'improved'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	36	46

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that access to emergency services in Wales has deteriorated in recent years due to hospital downgrades, poor ambulance service performance and record-breaking cuts to the NHS budget.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	29	46

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the continued failure of the ambulance service to hit its response times and the impact this has had on emergency services in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to expand the intermediate care fund to prevent unnecessary demands on the emergency care system.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the announcement in the 2015 UK Government Budget that the Wales Air Ambulance Trust is to receive £1.5 million in funding from LIBOR fines to help fund new equipment and training.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	8	0	46

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the establishment of an Urgent Care Centre in Montgomeryshire to bring care closer to our communities and relieve pressure on A&E departments in Wrexham and Shrewsbury, due to the increasing number of patients travelling long distances to access care as a result of a lack of joined up planning between health boards.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	8	25	46

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for greater investment in cottage hospitals and community care, to help ensure high-quality care in the community to reduce pressure on emergency services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 7 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM3739 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes:

- a) the introduction of a new clinical Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service for Wales, and
- b) that the service will provide patients in remote and rural areas with rapid access to a consultant in emergency or intensive care medicine.
- c) regrets the continued failure of the ambulance service to hit its response times and the impact this has had on emergency services in Wales.
- d) calls on the Welsh Government to expand the intermediate care fund to prevent unnecessary demands on the emergency care system.
- e) welcomes the announcement in the 2015 UK Government Budget that the Wales Air Ambulance Trust is to receive £1.5 million in funding from LIBOR fines to help fund new equipment and training.
- f) calls for greater investment in cottage hospitals and community care, to help ensure high-quality care in the community to reduce pressure on emergency services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

The motion as amended was agreed.

11 Voting Time

The item started at 17.20

The meeting concluded at 17.23

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 22 April 2015