

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 20 May 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(267)

1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 5 and 7 were asked. Question 6 was withdrawn. Questions 2, 4 and 7 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Health. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14.18

All three questions were asked.

3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

No questions tabled.

4 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee's report on its inquiry into Educational Outcomes for Children from Low Income Households

The item started at 14.27

NDM5764 Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee on the inquiry into Educational Outcomes for Children from Low Income Households, which was laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's report on Assisting Young People into Work

The item started at 15.10

NDM5763 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Enterprise and Business Committee on its Inquiry into Assisting Young People into Work, which was laid in the Table Office on 18 March 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.53

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5765 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Finance Wales does not meet the needs of small businesses across Wales and that access to finance is still a problem for many SMEs;
2. Welcomes the prospect of a Welsh Development Bank, as recognised in the report published by Professor Dylan Jones–Evans; and

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider the merits of the proposals outlined in 'A Vision for Welsh Investment: Invest Wales' and, where appropriate, consider incorporating them into Welsh Government support for SMEs in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	39	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

WITHDRAWN

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

In point 1, after 'not', insert 'fully'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	9	48

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

In point 2, delete 'Welcomes the prospect of' and replace with 'Calls on the Welsh Government to establish'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	9	48

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to set out the steps it will take to develop a Welsh Development Bank that is designed to:

a) support small businesses in accessing finance and support;

b) develop international links including export and inward investment; and

c) finance major infrastructure projects, which would also clarify the future role of Finance Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	0	44	48

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5765 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Finance Wales does not fully meet the needs of small businesses across Wales and that access to finance is still a problem for many SMEs;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a Welsh Development Bank, as recognised in the report published by Professor Dylan Jones–Evans; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider the merits of the proposals outlined in 'A Vision for Welsh Investment: Invest Wales' and, where appropriate, consider incorporating them into Welsh Government support for SMEs in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	4	48

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Voting Time

The item started at 16.48

8 Short Debate

The item started at 16.50

NDM5766 Keith Davies (Llanelli)

Stimulating the economy in west Wales.

Using the levers at the Welsh Government's disposal to promote growth.

The meeting concluded at 17.12

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 2 June 2015