

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 29 June 2011

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(10)

1. Questions to the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development

All 15 questions were asked. Questions 5 and 10 were grouped for answer. Questions 7 and 8 were grouped for answer. Question 12 was withdrawn.

14.23

2. Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

The first 8 questions were asked.

3. Motion under section 17(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 in relation to the disqualification of Aled Roberts - POSTPONED UNTIL 6 JULY 2011

4. Motion under section 17(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 in relation to the disqualification of John Dixon - POSTPONED UNTIL 6 JULY 2011

15.15

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4770 Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a middle phase (8-13 year olds) to integrate the school system and bridge the gap between the Foundation Phase and 14-19 Learning Pathways.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	38	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop and publish a strategy for 8-13 year olds with the aim of ensuring that illiteracy and innumeracy rates for children leaving primary school are halved from present rates by 2016.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	40	51

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes this middle phase should improve transition between pupils from primary and secondary schools by formalising partnership between these schools, hiring more transition teachers and ensuring the early years of secondary schools offer a better balance of pastoral and academic teaching.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
3	11	37	51

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

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

16.11

6. Plaid Cymru Debate

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4771 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the DCMS consultation “A Communications Review for the Digital Age”, including its emphasis on deregulation and the implications for regional commissioning and the wider media in Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to publish its response.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	11	51

The motion without amendment was agreed.

16.54

7. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4772 Peter Black (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement a school standards improvement programme by:

- a) Introducing a pupil premium to target money at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, helping to close the funding gap with England;
- b) Developing a comprehensive continuing professional development programme, funded by scrapping the General Teaching Council for Wales and improving workforce planning;
- c) Updating the national curriculum so that it focuses on key skills;
- d) Ordering a full, independent review of the governance of schools, particularly examining issues of local accountability, the appropriate leadership for governing bodies and whether single governing bodies would be appropriate for catchment areas; and
- e) Improving transition between pupils from primary and secondary schools by formalising partnership between these schools, hiring more transition teachers and ensuring the early years of secondary schools offer a better balance of pastoral and academic teaching.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
3	0	48	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete sub-point a) and renumber accordingly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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37	0	14	51
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Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)

Delete sub-points b) to e) and replace with new sub-points:

Rigorously implementing Welsh Government plans for improving standards of literacy and monitoring the outcomes of those plans;

Providing a rounded national curriculum to include time for sport, home economics and life skills; and

Developing a middle phase in education.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	8	32	51

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In sub-point b) delete all after 'development programme'

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	14	51

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In sub-point d) delete 'Ordering a full, independent review' and replace with 'Conducting a review'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	43	51

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete sub-point e).

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	14	51

Amendment 5 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4772 Peter Black (South Wales West)

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1. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement a school standards improvement programme by:

- a) Developing a comprehensive continuing professional development programme;
- b) Updating the national curriculum so that it focuses on key skills;
- c) Ordering a full, independent review of the governance of schools, particularly examining issues of local accountability, the appropriate leadership for governing bodies and whether single governing bodies would be appropriate for catchment areas; and

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	11	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

17.38

Voting Time

The meeting concluded at 17.45.

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 5 July 2011