

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 5 October 2011

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(20)

1. Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The first 11 questions were asked. Questions 5 and 10 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services.

14.15

2. Questions to the Counsel General

Questions 1 - 4 and question 6 were asked. Question 5 was not asked.

14.30

3. Statement by the First Minister: The Welsh Language Commissioner

14.47

Procedural Motion

Dafydd Elis-Thomas moved a procedural motion in accordance with Standing Order 12.32 to postpone the Short Debate.

The motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

14.47

4. Questions to the Assembly Commission

All 10 questions were asked. Questions 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 were answered by Angela Burns. Questions 3, 5 and 9 were answered by Sandy Mewies. Question 6 was answered by Peter Black. Question 10 was answered by Rhodri Glyn Thomas.

15.18

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:

NDM4816 William Graham (South Wales East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that more people are being diagnosed with cancer;
2. Expresses concern that target waiting times for cancer patients are being missed; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a Welsh Cancer Drugs Fund.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	38	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

In point 1, after "cancer" insert "due in large part to an increasingly elderly population and much better diagnosis."

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	11	1	54

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 2, and replace with "notes that some target waiting times for cancer patients need to be improved and recognises the on-going work to address this"

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	16	54

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to draw up and implement a National Cancer Plan.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 3 was agreed.

As amendment 3 was agreed, amendment 4 was deselected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4816 William Graham (South Wales East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that more people are being diagnosed with cancer due in large part to an increasingly elderly population and much better diagnosis;
2. notes that some target waiting times for cancer patients need to be improved and recognises the on-going work to address this; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to draw up and implement a National Cancer Plan.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

16.21

6. 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:

NDM4817 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the planning system is vital for a strong economy, an attractive and sustainable environment and a successful democracy; and
2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:
 - a) Bring forward the Welsh Planning Bill sooner than indicated in the Legislative Statement,
 - b) Increase the flexibility of the Welsh planning system,
 - c) Streamline and simplify current Welsh planning guidance,
 - d) Increase the say of local communities in the planning system.

A copy of the Legislative Statement can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber-fourth-assembly-rop.htm?act=dis&id=219617&ds=7%2F2011#dat2>

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	38	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 2, and replace with:

Notes the Cabinet Written Statement by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, emailed to Assembly Members on 30th September, establishing an independent advisory panel to advise on how planning services should be delivered in the future, which will inform the Planning White Paper and subsequent Bill.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	16	54

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government's review of the planning system should also consider the Wales Spatial Plan and the system of local development plans.

The Wales Spatial Plan is available on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/location/strategy/spatial/documents/;jsessionid=qcVSTFdGr4T1Vf2rTY2I7H2dtQ3gKyrZ3y2TRrG0JgjxvXnYphj!-1416705544?lang=en>

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	27	54

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 the motion as amended:

NDM4817 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the planning system is vital for a strong economy, an attractive and sustainable environment and a successful democracy; and

2. Notes the Cabinet Written Statement by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, emailed to Assembly Members on 30th September, establishing an independent advisory panel to advise on how planning services should be delivered in the future, which will inform the Planning White Paper and subsequent Bill.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	5	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

17.26

7. 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:

NDM4818 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the lack of meaningful targets and detail contained in the Programme for Government: and
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that its Programme focuses on the challenges which the economy will face during the next few years.

The Programme for Government can be accessed at the following hyperlink:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/programmeforgovernment/;jsessionid=HL0LTFYF1Y1Yz1N4k8yKJTSqjm8TbfQy3JdStnc4hBCHLjDvGxPI-1666378451?lang=en>

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	27	54

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

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 1) and replace with:

"Notes the Programme for Government and the need for measurable delivery when it comes to implementing Government policy"; and

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	27	54

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 2 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to revise its Programme for Government to address the economic and social challenges facing the people of Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	27	54

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 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government has not delivered on the First Minister's promise of a programme for government with measurable targets.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	27	54

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 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward a revised programme for government with concrete, measurable targets, and a timetable for delivery.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	27	54

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 5 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the Welsh Government to republish its Programme for Government to include measurable targets and outcomes.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	27	54

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 6 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the Welsh Government's failure to specify, within the Programme for Government, measures to raise the performance of Wales' Gross Value Added by 2015.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	38	54

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes the Programme for Government should include a comprehensive programme of business rate relief as the best policy intervention to encourage private sector investment and employment and that such an intervention could be introduced immediately without the need for a further review.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	5	38	54

Amendment 7 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.

18.21

Voting Time

8. Short Debate

NDM4815 Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd):

Reforming the Conditions of Tenure Within the Private Rented Sector

The Short Debate was postponed by procedural motion earlier in the day's proceedings.

The meeting concluded at 18:29

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 11 October 2011