Plenary

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 1 May 2012

Meeting time:

13:30

Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(60)

1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13:30.

All 15 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

2. Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14:28.

3. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills: Jobs Growth Wales

The item started at 14:47.

4. Statement by the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage: The Homelessness Legislation Review

The item started at 15:19.

5. Consent Motion on the Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (Abolition) Order 2012

The item started at 16.02

NDM4928 John Griffiths (Newport East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales agrees, in accordance with section 9(6) of the Public Bodies Act 2011, that the Secretary of State make the Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (Abolition) Order 2012, in accordance with the draft laid in Table Office on 28 February 2012.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6. Debate on The Welsh Government's Food Strategy - the way forward

The item started at 16:02.

NDM4966 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. notes the Welsh Government's commitment to:
- a) develop its ambitious vision for food in Wales;
- b) review and refresh the existing food strategy; and
- c) support the food production industry by developing, promoting and marketing Welsh food, and strengthening supply chain linkages.

The Welsh Government's Food Strategy for Wales - Food for Wales, Food from Wales 2010:2020 is available on the following link:

http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/foodandfisheries/foodandmarket developmentpubs/foodstratdoc/?lang=en

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East)

In sub-point 1a) delete the word "ambitious".

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	36*	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to support the full implementation of the EU Dairy Package if voluntary agreement on a code of practice for milk contracts cannot be reached between the relevant parties within the dairy supply chain.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	35	53

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Anne Jones's vote on Amendment 2 was not registered due to a technical fault.

Amendment 3 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

^{*}The results of this vote were corrected on 14 May 2012 to reflect the Record of Proceedings.

Add as new point at end of motion:

Celebrates the world leading reputation of Welsh produce and encourages retailers to sell more food sourced from Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the increasingly important contribution made by Welsh food to the sustainable tourism sector, especially through fostering 'a sense of place'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the importance of seasonality and calls on the Welsh government to encourage consumers to buy more produce in season in order to promote Welsh food and improve sustainability.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the Welsh government's decision to downgrade the Rural Affairs portfolio and the negative effect this could have on its ability to deliver the food strategy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion. Therefore, amendment 6 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4966 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

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- 1. notes the Welsh Government's commitment to:
- a) develop its ambitious vision for food in Wales;
- b) review and refresh the existing food strategy;
- c) support the food production industry by developing, promoting and marketing Welsh food, and strengthening supply chain linkages;
- d) Celebrates the world leading reputation of Welsh produce and encourages retailers to sell more food sourced from Wales;
- e) welcomes the increasingly important contribution made by Welsh food to the sustainable tourism sector, especially through fostering 'a sense of place'; and
- f) notes the importance of seasonality and calls on the Welsh government to encourage consumers to buy more produce in season in order to promote Welsh food and improve sustainability.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	13	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

7. Debate on Research and Innovation in Health and Social Care

The item started at 17:00.

NDM4967 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises that research and innovation in health and social care are fundamental to the health, well-being and wealth of people in Wales.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the need for sufficient funding and investment in health and social care to realise and implement the benefits from any new research, and regrets that real term cuts to NHS budgets in Wales will be a barrier to this.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	41	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls for additional investment in research centres in Wales to attract the best minds from around the world and increase the potential for high value collaboration with industrial partners.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Recognises the role of the Higher Education Sector in providing world class research which has the potential to provide innovative solutions for health and social care challenges in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government should support innovative developments in the health service, such as image-guided radiation therapy and stereotactic ablative radiotherapy, to take place at Velindre.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4967 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises that research and innovation in health and social care are fundamental to the health, well-being and wealth of people in Wales.

Calls for additional investment in research centres in Wales to attract the best minds from around the world and increase the potential for high value collaboration with industrial partners.

Recognises the role of the Higher Education Sector in providing world class research which has the potential to provide innovative solutions for health and social care challenges in Wales.

Believes that the Welsh Government should support innovative developments in the health service, such as image-guided radiation therapy and stereotactic ablative radiotherapy, to take place at Velindre.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 17.45

The meeting concluded at 17:50

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 2 May 2012