

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 9 May 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(63)

1. Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

The item started at 13:30.

Questions 1–4, 6–11, 13 and 14 were asked. Questions 5, 12 and 15 were withdrawn.

2. Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

The item started at 14:07.

Questions 1–5, 7 and 9 – 15 were asked. Questions 6 and 8 were withdrawn. Question 15 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes.

3. Motion to annul the Controlled Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012

The item started at 14:46.

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

The result was as follows:

NNDM4981 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 27.2 agrees that the Controlled Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012, laid before the Assembly on 15 March 2012, be annulled.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	35	46

The motion was not agreed.

4. Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

The item started at 14:57.

NDM4965

Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)
Suzy Davies (South Wales West)
Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East)
Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to make a measurable reduction in avoidable sight loss a public health priority for Wales.

Supported by:

Mike Hedges (Swansea East)
Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales)
Julie James (Swansea West)
Lynne Neagle (Torfaen)
Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)
Sandy Mewies (Delyn)
Mark Isherwood (North Wales)
Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales)
Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)
Aled Roberts (North Wales)
Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central)
Darren Millar (Clwyd West)
Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy)
Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)
Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)
Keith Davies (Llanelli)
David Rees (Aberavon)
Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)
Russell George (Montgomeryshire)
Byron Davies (South Wales West)
Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15:36.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4977 William Graham (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the contents of the paper 'Together for Health – Why change is needed' which was presented to the Welsh Government's cabinet on 13 March 2012.

2. Regrets that the Welsh Government has failed to share its intentions until now with the people of Wales regarding the future of the Welsh NHS.

Together for Health– Why change is needed" can be accessed on the following link:
<http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetmeetings/4thassembly/13mar12/?lang=en>

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	0	27	46

The motion without amendment not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 2.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion. Therefore, amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide full details of the proposed changes at the earliest opportunity so as to facilitate informed debates at a local level.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion. Therefore, 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.

6. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16:25.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4978 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

The propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes, with alarm, the rise in unemployment figures, especially amongst women, young people and people with disabilities.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	38	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Insert at end of motion ‘and the effect on unemployment of the policies being pursued by the UK Government’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	15	46

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the introduction of the Youth Contract by the UK Government which includes voluntary work experience placements for young people in Wales, and welcomes the Welsh Government’s additional financial support for the Young Recruits Programme.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	11	30	46

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that unemployment in Wales remains the highest of all the UK nations.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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38	0	8	46
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Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that youth unemployment in Wales has exceeded the UK rate in every year since 2001 and that 11.5% of 16 to 18 year olds and 23.2% of 19 to 24 year olds are currently classed as Not in Employment, Education or Training.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the statement from the Federation of Small Businesses claiming that everyone looking for a job could be employed if every SME recruited one more person.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	8	46

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work constructively with the UK government and the business community to create more job opportunities.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 6 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4978 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

The propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes, with alarm, the rise in unemployment figures, especially amongst women, young people and people with disabilities and the effect on unemployment of the policies being pursued by the UK Government.

2. Notes that unemployment in Wales remains the highest of all the UK nations.
3. Notes that youth unemployment in Wales has exceeded the UK rate in every year since 2001 and that 11.5% of 16 to 18 year olds and 23.2% of 19 to 24 year olds are currently classed as Not in Employment, Education or Training.
4. Notes the statement from the Federation of Small Businesses claiming that everyone looking for a job could be employed if every SME recruited one more person.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to work constructively with the UK government and the business community to create more job opportunities.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	4	10	45

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting time started at 17:29.

The meeting concluded at 17:31.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 15 May 2012