

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 16 May 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(65)

Election Of A Temporary Deputy Presiding Officer

Angela Burns was elected as temporary Deputy Presiding Officer.

1. Questions to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

The item started at 13:30.

All 15 questions were asked.

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

The item started at 14:17.

Questions 1 – 3 and 5 – 8 were answered. Question 4 was withdrawn.

3. Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee's report under Standing Order 22.9

The item started at 15:01.

NDM4985 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 01–12 – laid before the Assembly on 9 May 2012 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9; and
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report that a breach has been found and that Keith Davies AM should be censured.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Motion to agree the general principles of the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages Bill)

The item started at 15:06.

NDM4984 Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill.

The National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 30 January 2012.

The report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee on the National Assembly for Wales (Official languages) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 4 May 2012.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Debate seeking the Assembly's agreement to introduce a Member Proposed Bill on Asbestos (Recovery of Medical Costs) (Mick Antoniw)

The item started at 16:06.

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

The result was as follows:

NDM4955 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 26.91:

Agrees that Mick Antoniw may introduce a Bill to give effect to the pre-ballot information tabled on Friday 16 March under Standing Order 26.90.

The pre-ballot information can be accessed on the following link:

http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bill_ballots/bill_040.htm

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

The motion was agreed.

6. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16:41.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4986 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the challenges facing the agricultural and forestry sectors and their value to the Welsh economy;
2. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to deliver cost-effective policies to support these rural industries; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) constructively engage with industry stakeholders;
 - b) improve the transparency of its policies; and
 - c) ensure that its policies deliver value for money and do not undermine private sector rural jobs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	32	54

The motion without amendment was 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
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 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new sub point at end of point 3:

ensure that there is adequate representation for the forestry sector at the highest level in any new single environmental body.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the implementation of the Glastir scheme has not adequately reflected the concerns of the forestry sector.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	10	27	54

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4986 William Graham (South Wales East)

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2. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to deliver cost-effective policies to support these rural industries; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) constructively engage with industry stakeholders;
 - b) improve the transparency of its policies;
 - c) ensure that its policies deliver value for money and do not undermine private sector rural jobs; and
 - d) ensure that there is adequate representation for the forestry sector at the highest level in any new single environmental body.

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 as amended. Therefore, the motion as amended was not agreed.

Voting Time

Voting time started at 17:33.

7. Short Debate

The item started at 17:37.

NDM4987 Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Team GB: A Golden Opportunity.

With the Olympics being hosted on these isles this summer, this short debate seeks to set out the sporting, economic and cultural case for Welsh participation in a one-off Team GB Football Squad.

The meeting concluded at 17:58

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 22 May 2012