

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 23 May 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(67)

1. Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 13:30.

All 15 questions were asked. Question 10 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services.

2. Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14:19.

Both questions were asked.

3. Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 14:25.

The question was asked. Question 1 was answered by Peter Black.

4. Motion to elect a Member to the Business Committee

The item started at 14:26.

NDM4994 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Aled Roberts (Welsh Liberal Democrats) as a member of the Business Committee in place of Peter Black (Welsh Liberal Democrats).

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

5. Statement by the Rt Hon. Cheryl Gillan MP, Secretary of State for Wales

The item started at 14:26.

6. Debate on the Queen's Speech

The item started at 15:27

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the legislative programme fails to include any meaningful measures to deliver growth in the economy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 38 | 0 | 18 | 56 |

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Energy Bill which will reform the electricity market in order to encourage investment in low-carbon generation and clean energy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 45 | 0 | 10 | 55 |

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Small Donations Bill which will enable small charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated up to £5,000.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 56 | 0 | 0 | 56 |

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Banking Reform Bill which will separate banks' retail activities from their investment activities.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 56 | 0 | 0 | 56 |

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government's legislative programme and its continued commitment to:

a) reduce the deficit and thereby ensure record low interest rates in the United Kingdom, benefitting homeowners across Wales;

b) restore economic stability, creating the wealth to sustain public services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 18 | 0 | 38 | 56 |

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill and the creation of the position of Groceries Code Adjudicator.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 56 | 0 | 0 | 56 |

Amendment 6 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4992 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2012/2013.

Regrets that the legislative programme fails to include any meaningful measures to deliver growth in the economy.

Welcomes the Energy Bill which will reform the electricity market in order to encourage investment in low-carbon generation and clean energy.

Welcomes the Small Donations Bill which will enable small charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated up to £5,000.

Welcomes the Banking Reform Bill which will separate banks' retail activities from their investment activities.

Welcomes the Groceries Code Adjudicator Bill and the creation of the position of Groceries Code Adjudicator.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 38 | 5 | 13 | 56 |

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 17:36.

7. Short Debate

The item started at 17:39.

NDM4993 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Child Asylum Seekers and their protection in Wales

The UK Government is holding back the Welsh Government's abilities in relation to asylum seeking children in Wales. Child safeguarding is a devolved issue, but the extent to which the UK Government has interpreted its reserved competence of immigration, to treat any issue related to asylum seekers, asylum seeking children and refugees as reserved matter, including those areas which are devolved competencies of the National Assembly for Wales has, in many instance, run counter to the Welsh Government's objectives for the citizens of Wales: on children's rights, equality and working towards a fair and inclusive society.

The meeting concluded at 18:04.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 29 May 2012