

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 12 June 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(70)v4

1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13:30

Questions 1–12 and 14–15 were asked. Question 13 was withdrawn. 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 14:12

3. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: The emergency response to the major flooding events in mid and north Wales.

The item started at 14:21

4. Statement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science: The Professor Brian Morgan Report on Business Rates

The item started at 15:07

5. Statement by the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage: The Supporting People Programme

The item started at 15:33

6. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills: Update on the Review of Qualifications 14–19

The item started at 16:12

7. The Tobacco Advertising and Promotion (Display of Prices) (Wales) Regulations 2012 – Re-scheduled for debate on the 17 July 2012

8. Debate on the Green Paper on Future Electoral Arrangements for the National Assembly for Wales

The item started at 16:57.

NDM5006 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Green Paper on future electoral arrangements for the National Assembly for Wales; and
2. Believes that no change to the current electoral arrangements should be introduced by the UK Government without the consent of the National Assembly for Wales.

The Green Paper on future electoral arrangements for the National Assembly for Wales can be found on the following link:

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm83/8357/8357.pdf>

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 new point at end of motion:

Notes that under the Government of Wales Act 2006 the power to make provisions about National Assembly for Wales elections resides with the Secretary of State for Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	9	0	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the previous Labour UK Government made changes to the electoral arrangements for the National Assembly for Wales without seeking the consent of the National Assembly for Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	9	25	49

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that no changes should be made to the electoral arrangements for the National Assembly for Wales unless there is a move to increase proportionality.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	10	35	50

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the intention to allow candidates to stand in both a constituency and a region at National Assembly elections.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	9	25	50

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5006 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Green Paper on future electoral arrangements for the National Assembly for Wales; and
2. Believes that no change to the current electoral arrangements should be introduced by the UK Government without the consent of the National Assembly for Wales.
3. Notes that under the Government of Wales Act 2006 the power to make provisions about National Assembly for Wales elections resides with the Secretary of State for Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	1	6	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

9. Debate on the Mental Health Strategy

The item started at 17:40

NDM5005 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the draft Mental Health Strategy, Together for Mental Health, which is currently out for public consultation.

Together for Mental Health can be found on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/mhealth/?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)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government is imposing real term cuts on the health budget in the current financial year and expresses concern that these have the potential to jeopardise the implementation of a Mental Health Strategy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	39	50

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the potential economic benefits to Wales of an effective Mental Health Strategy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to commit to develop appropriate baseline data and key performance indicators to ensure that any progress against the Mental Health Strategy can be measured.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need for all Welsh Ministers to fully engage in the delivery of the Mental Health Strategy and calls upon the Welsh Government to develop robust processes to ensure that Ministers are held accountable for their contribution towards improving mental health and wellbeing in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that patients with long term physical conditions can also have mental health issues;

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the research carried out by the King’s Fund that identifies that co-existing mental and physical health problems can lead to increased hospitalisation rates, increased outpatient service use and less effective self-management for patients.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh government to ensure that the link between mental health problems and long term physical ailments is enshrined in Together for Mental Health, and that closer working between professionals responsible for patients’ mental and physical health is encouraged to improve outcomes.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 7 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5005 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the draft Mental Health Strategy, Together for Mental Health, which is currently out for public consultation.

Recognises the potential economic benefits to Wales of an effective Mental Health Strategy.

Calls upon the Welsh Government to commit to develop appropriate baseline data and key performance indicators to ensure that any progress against the Mental Health Strategy can be measured.

Recognises the need for all Welsh Ministers to fully engage in the delivery of the Mental Health Strategy and calls upon the Welsh Government to develop robust processes to ensure that Ministers are held accountable for their contribution towards improving mental health and wellbeing in Wales.

Recognises that patients with long term physical conditions can also have mental health issues.

Acknowledges the research carried out by the King's Fund that identifies that co-existing mental and physical health problems can lead to increased hospitalisation rates, increased outpatient service use and less effective self-management for patients.

Calls on the Welsh government to ensure that the link between mental health problems and long term physical ailments is enshrined in Together for Mental Health, and that closer working between professionals responsible for patients' mental and physical health is encouraged to improve outcomes.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 18:30

The meeting concluded at 18:34

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