

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 19 June 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(72)

1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30.

All 15 questions were asked. Question 5 and 7 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

Point of Order

Ieuan Wyn Jones raised a point of order under Standing Order 13.9 relating to conduct in the Siambr, following remarks made by Ken Skates which implied that Ieuan Wyn Jones would have been the Minister when decisions relating to Powys Fadog were made by the Department for Economy and Transport. Ken Skates withdrew any remarks which were factually inaccurate.

2. Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.25.

3. Statement by the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House: Invest-to-Save

The item started at 14.42.

4. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: School Improvement

The item started at 15.13.

5. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: Review of Advice Services

The item started at 15.52.

6. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: Integrated Planning and Delivery

The item started at 16.27.

7. Statement by the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage: Active Children and Young People

The item started at 16.53.

8. Debate on Eye Health Care in Wales

The item started at 17:24

NDM5009 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the progress made to-date to improve eye health care; and
2. Recognises that there is more work to be done and that the Welsh Government will be developing a plan setting out its commitment to further improve eye health care for the people of Wales as part of a wider public health programme.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In point 1 delete ‘progress made to date’ and replace with ‘advances realised by the public, private and third sectors’.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In Point 2 delete all after ‘done’ and replace with:

‘and this will require the Welsh Government to co-ordinate a wider public health programme which will incorporate improvements in data collection and monitoring which are needed to enable more informed service planning and eye health promotion work’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	9	52

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the progress arising from the Wales Vision Strategy and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the future eye care plan links to and builds on this work.

<http://www.vision2020uk.org.uk/ukvisionstrategy/page.asp?section=134§ionTitle=Wales+Vision+Strategy>

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Welsh Government's record-breaking cuts to the Welsh National Health Service budget and that these have the potential to jeopardise the implementation of an eye health care plan.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	40	52

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes cross party support for making a measurable reduction in avoidable sight loss a public health priority for Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that any eye care plan that is to be published ensures that all four and five year olds in Wales receive vision screening in school.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to address research findings that the perceived structure and orientation of optometry towards the sale of glasses appears to encourage the community to view eye examinations (undertaken in retail premises) as different from other primary health prevention.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, Amendment 7 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5009 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the advances realised by the public, private and third sectors to improve eye health care; and
2. Recognises that there is more work to be done and this will require the Welsh Government to co-ordinate a wider public health programme which will incorporate improvements in data collection and monitoring which are needed to enable more informed service planning and eye health promotion work.
3. Acknowledges the progress arising from the Wales Vision Strategy and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the future eye care plan links to and builds on this work.
4. Welcomes cross party support for making a measurable reduction in avoidable sight loss a public health priority for Wales.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that any eye care plan that is to be published ensures that all four and five year olds in Wales receive vision screening in school.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting time started at 18:18

The meeting concluded at 18:21

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 20 June 2012