

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 20 June 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

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Election of a temporary Deputy Presiding Officer

Rhodri Glyn Thomas was elected as temporary Deputy Presiding Officer.

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

The item started at 13.30.

Questions 2 –5 and 7– 14 were asked. Question 1 was not asked. Question 6 was withdrawn.

2. Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14:23

The question was asked.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14.29.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Will the First Minister urgently clarify the Welsh Government's efforts to attract Trident Nuclear Missiles to Milford Haven?

3. Motion to amend Standing Orders in relation to Private Bills and Miscellaneous Amendments

The item started at 14.34.

NDM5014 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders: Private Bills and Miscellaneous Changes' laid in the Table Office on 13 June 2012; and

2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders, as set out in Annexes B and D of the Report of the Business Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Inquiry into the Provision of Affordable Housing in Wales

The item started at 14.34.

NDM5013 Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee: The provision of affordable housing in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 23 April 2012.

Note: The response of the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage to the report was laid in the Table Office on 13 June 2012.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.25.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5015 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of transport connectivity for economic growth in Wales;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities, Welsh MPs and the Department for Transport to deliver electrification of the Great Western Main Line to Swansea and electrification of the South Wales valley lines;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to outline an integrated strategy to connect South and West Wales to the electrified main rail line; and
4. Regrets that successive Labour led Governments in Wales have failed to connect communities across Wales through an integrated transport network.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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11	0	34	45
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The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point 2 and re-number accordingly:

Regrets that the previous UK Labour government had no plans to electrify the Valleys Line.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	23	45

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

‘Notes that rail infrastructure spending is not devolved and is the responsibility of the UK Government and that Network Rail spending was devolved to the Scottish Government in 2006.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at start of point 2:

‘Notes that the previous UK Labour government did not electrify a single mile of the Great Western Main Line and’

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	23	45

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

In point 2, delete ‘Welsh MPs’ and replace with ‘MPs’

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	11	45

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

‘Calls on the Welsh Government to seek the devolution of Network Rail's budget and all other rail infrastructure responsibilities.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	11	0	45

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point 4 and re-number accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to establish the feasibility of introducing a Wales-wide Oystercard, working with train and bus companies to ensure that people can travel around Wales easily.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

In point 4, delete all before ‘to connect communities’ and replace with ‘Welcomes the work undertaken by both the One Wales and the current Labour Governments’

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	15	45

Amendment 7 was agreed.

Amendment 8 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 4 delete: ‘Regrets that successive Labour led Governments in Wales’ and replace with:

As amendment 7 was agreed, amendment 8 was deselected.

Amendment 9 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that north Wales is able to take advantage of HS2 and ensure that West Coast main line services to Holyhead are not adversely affected by any changes.

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	1	45

Amendment 9 was agreed.

Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Supports the case for the re-opening of stations in Bow Street and Carno.

A vote was taken on Amendment 10:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	23	45

Amendment 10 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5015 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of transport connectivity for economic growth in Wales;
2. Notes that rail infrastructure spending is not devolved and is the responsibility of the UK Government and that Network Rail spending was devolved to the Scottish Government in 2006.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to seek the devolution of Network Rail's budget and all other rail infrastructure responsibilities.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish the feasibility of introducing a Wales-wide Oystercard, working with train and bus companies to ensure that people can travel around Wales easily.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities, MPs and the Department for Transport to deliver electrification of the Great Western Main Line to Swansea and electrification of the South Wales valley lines;
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to outline an integrated strategy to connect South and West Wales to the electrified main rail line; and
7. Welcomes the work undertaken by both the One Wales and the current Labour Governments to connect communities across Wales through an integrated transport network.
8. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that north Wales is able to take advantage of HS2 and ensure that West Coast main line services to Holyhead are not adversely affected by any changes.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	15	45

The motion as amended was agreed.

6. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

The item started at 16.28.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5016 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that:

- a) there is no room for complacency in delivering maternity and neonatal services across Wales;
- b) it is the responsibility of the Welsh Government to hold Local Health Boards to account through a meaningful mechanism for monitoring the quality of maternity and neonatal care across Wales;
- c) there are new challenges facing Wales and that the social and economic context in which maternity and neonatal services operate is constantly changing;
- d) every woman in Wales, irrespective of her location, social background, circumstances or ethnicity, should have access to, and receive, safe high quality maternity and neonatal care;
- e) there has been a lack of significant improvement in maternity and neonatal Services since 1999; and
- f) that the current statistics for neo-natal and maternity services are unacceptable.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) provide strong, strategic leadership to Local Health Boards throughout Wales to ensure that maternity and neonatal services improve;
- b) ensure that any review of neo-natal services undertaken by Local Health Boards are endorsed by the Neonatal Network to ensure that any proposals do not compromise the provision of a comprehensive All-Wales service; and
- c) ensure that any review of maternity services undertaken by Local Health Boards are endorsed by the All Wales Implementation Group to ensure that any proposals do not compromise the provision of a comprehensive All-Wales service.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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4	0	41	45
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The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete sub-points 1e and 1f.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	7	15	45

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 2:

undertake long term work force planning to ensure sufficient specialist staff are available for neonatal services throughout the country.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – 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 any attempts to improve maternity and neonatal services across Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	33	45

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5016 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that:

a) there is no room for complacency in delivering maternity and neonatal services across Wales;

b) it is the responsibility of the Welsh Government to hold Local Health Boards to account through a meaningful mechanism for monitoring the quality of maternity and neonatal care across Wales;

c) there are new challenges facing Wales and that the social and economic context in which maternity and neonatal services operate is constantly changing; and

d) every woman in Wales, irrespective of her location, social background, circumstances or ethnicity, should have access to, and receive, safe high quality maternity and neonatal care.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) provide strong, strategic leadership to Local Health Boards throughout Wales to ensure that maternity and neonatal services improve;

b) ensure that any review of neo-natal services undertaken by Local Health Boards are endorsed by the Neonatal Network to ensure that any proposals do not compromise the provision of a comprehensive All-Wales service;

c) ensure that any review of maternity services undertaken by Local Health Boards are endorsed by the All Wales Implementation Group to ensure that any proposals do not compromise the provision of a comprehensive All-Wales service; and

d) undertake long term work force planning to ensure sufficient specialist staff are available for neonatal services throughout the country.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 17.22.

7. Short Debate

The item started at 17.31.

NDM5017 Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):

The impact of welfare reform on mental health and wellbeing in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 17:53.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 26 June 2012