

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 4 July 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(77)

1. Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 13.30

Question 1 – 6, 8 – 12 and 14 – 15 were asked. Question 7 was withdrawn. Question 13 was transferred for written answer.

2. Questions to the Minister for Local Government & Communities

The item started at 14.13

Questions 1 – 9 and 11 – 15 were answered. Question 10 was transferred for written answer.

3. Motion under section 19(5)(a) of the Public Bodies Act 2011

The item started at 15.05

NNDM5028

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with section 19(5)(a) of the Public Bodies Act 2011:

Resolves that the procedure set out in sections 19(6) to 19(9) of the Public Bodies Act 2011 shall apply to the The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012.

The Public Bodies Act 2011 can be found on the following link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/24/contents>

The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012 was laid before the Assembly on 30 May 2012.

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

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	41	52

The motion was not agreed.

4. Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

The item started at 15.33

NDM5023

Julie Morgan (Cardiff North)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Supports lowering the voting age to 16 years in all elections and referendums held in Wales.

Supported by:

Keith Davies (Llanelli)

Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth)

Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)

Julie James (Swansea West)

Peter Black (South Wales West)

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

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

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	8	51

The motion was agreed.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16.15

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5030 William Graham (South Wales East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that:

a) rural communities face significant challenges including ageing populations, limited access to services as well as social and economic isolation;

b) the viability of rural communities and businesses is being undermined by poor transport and communication infrastructure; and

c) the Welsh farming industry faces considerable challenges including food security, climate change and animal health.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) give greater recognition to rural deprivation, including transport poverty and limited access to services and affordable housing;

b) ensure that there are no further delays in rolling out the Next Generation Broadband Project;

c) recognise the benefits of stimulating the rural economy through business rate relief and improved support for rural SMEs; and

d) work in partnership with farming unions and rural stakeholders to deliver effective Rural Development Programme funding.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	0	33	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete sub-point 1b and replace with:

‘transport and communication infrastructure play a key role in sustaining the viability of rural communities and businesses; and’

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	23	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new sub point at end of point 1:

‘the £56.9 million funding from the UK government to roll out next generation broadband will be a welcome boost to rural area.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

In sub-point 2a, delete ‘give greater’ and replace with ‘continue to give’

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	24	52

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete sub-point 2b and replace with:

‘ensure the Next Generation Broadband Project remains firmly on track to deliver the Programme for Government commitments on time;’

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	23	52

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new sub point at end of point 2:

‘review the Revenue Support Grant to take a greater account of rurality.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	28	52

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5030 William Graham (South Wales East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that:

- a) rural communities face significant challenges including ageing populations, limited access to services as well as social and economic isolation;
- b) transport and communication infrastructure play a key role in sustaining the viability of rural communities and businesses;
- c) the Welsh farming industry faces considerable challenges including food security, climate change and animal health; and
- d) the £56.9 million funding from the UK government to roll out next generation broadband will be a welcome boost to rural area.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) continue to give recognition to rural deprivation, including transport poverty and limited access to services and affordable housing;
- b) ensure the Next Generation Broadband Project remains firmly on track to deliver the Programme for Government commitments on time;
- c) recognise the benefits of stimulating the rural economy through business rate relief and improved support for rural SMEs; and
- d) work in partnership with farming unions and rural stakeholders to deliver effective Rural Development Programme funding.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

6. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 17.12

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5027 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Opposes the siting of Trident, or any other nuclear weapons, in Milford Haven or anywhere else in Wales; and
- 2. Calls on the UK Government not to proceed with the replacement of Trident and to use the resources saved to create jobs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	39	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan):

Delete all and replace with:

Notes that the Welsh Government has no powers to determine the siting of nuclear weapons and recognises that this is a matter for the UK Government.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	13	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5027 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes that the Welsh Government has no powers to determine the siting of nuclear weapons and recognises that this is a matter for the UK Government.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	8	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting time started at 18.10

7. Short Debate

The item started at 18.15

NDM5029 Rebecca Evans (Mid and West Wales): Rare Diseases

Exploring opportunities to address the common problems faced by people with rare diseases.

The meeting concluded at 18:37

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 10 July 2012