

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 10 October 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

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1. Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

The item started at 13:30

All 14 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 5 were grouped together for answer. Questions 7 and 10 were grouped together for answer.

2. Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

The item started at 14:14

All 15 questions were asked. Question 4 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and European Programmes.

3. Debate on the Petitions Committee's report on Pollution of the Burry Inlet

The item started at 14:55

NDM5057 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee on Petition P-03-238: Pollution of the Burry Inlet, which was laid in the Table Office on 16 July 2012.

Note: The response by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development was laid on 3 October 2012.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15:32

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5058 William Graham (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes steps taken by the UK Government to stimulate the economy, upgrade infrastructure and create jobs in Wales.
2. Regrets that the Welsh Government has failed to utilise the tools at its disposal to grow the Welsh economy.
3. Encourages the Welsh Government to work constructively with the UK Government to deliver prosperity for the people of Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	0	31	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

In point 1, delete ‘welcomes’ and replace with ‘notes’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	8	17	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 2.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	8	17	51

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Encourages the Welsh Government to seek meaningful borrowing powers and to create a non-dividend-paying arm's length company to fund new capital projects.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	12	5	51

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to make progress on Enterprise Zones, business rates reform, a manufacturing strategy and broadband for business as a matter of urgency, in order to help stimulate the economy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the establishment by the UK Government of a Green Investment bank, as a means to help stimulate the economy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the importance to Wales of upgrading rail infrastructure through electrification, and the benefits this will bring to the economy, and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to electrify the North Wales mainline.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 6 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5058 William Graham (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes steps taken by the UK Government to stimulate the economy,
2. Encourages the Welsh Government to work constructively with the UK Government to deliver prosperity for the people of Wales.
3. Encourages the Welsh Government to seek meaningful borrowing powers and to create a non-dividend-paying arm's length company to fund new capital projects.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to make progress on Enterprise Zones, business rates reform, a manufacturing strategy and broadband for business as a matter of urgency, in order to help stimulate the economy.
5. Welcomes the establishment by the UK Government of a Green Investment bank, as a means to help stimulate the economy.
6. Notes the importance to Wales of upgrading rail infrastructure through electrification, and the benefits this will bring to the economy, and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to electrify the North Wales mainline.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	12	0	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

5. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16:33

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5059 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of the West Coast Main Line (WCML) franchise to rail services in north Wales and recognises the UK Government's incompetence in dealing with the recent WCML franchise.
2. Notes that the UK Government retains a joint-signatory role in the Wales and Borders franchise.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) seek full responsibility for the Wales and Borders franchise renewal;
 - b) seek devolution of rail infrastructure powers and budget; and
 - c) ensure the creation of a not-for-profit model for the Wales and Borders franchise.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	43	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In point 1, delete all after 'Wales'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	34	51

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), Amendment 2 tabled to this motion has not been selected.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete point 3.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	39	51

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete 3c) and replace with “explore all the options for the Wales and Borders franchise including a potential not-for-profit business model”

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	8	51

Amendment 4 was agreed.

As amendment 4 was agreed, amendment 5 was deselected.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add new sub point at end of point 3):

work with the UK Government to secure electrification of the North Wales mainline by the end of Control Period 6.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government’s dedication to Wales through its commitment to electrifying the Great Western Main Line to Swansea and electrifying the South Wales valley lines.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	34	51

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the importance of the Welsh Government utilising the tools at its disposal to seize the benefits of rail electrification.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 8 was agreed.

Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to engage with the UK Government about potential future electrification of rail lines in north Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 9 was agreed.

Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add new point at the end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh government to investigate using the tender process to secure investment in the quality of rolling stock and infrastructure.

A vote was taken on Amendment 10:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 10 was agreed.

Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Believes the West Coast Main Line and the new HS2 Line are vital in improving services to the North Wales region and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to ensure that services to North Wales are strengthened in the future.

A vote was taken on Amendment 11:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 11 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5059 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of the West Coast Main Line (WCML) franchise to rail services in north Wales and recognises the UK Government's incompetence in dealing with the recent WCML franchise.
2. Notes that the UK Government retains a joint-signatory role in the Wales and Borders franchise.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) seek full responsibility for the Wales and Borders franchise renewal;
 - b) seek devolution of rail infrastructure powers and budget; and
 - c) explore all the options for the Wales and Borders franchise including a potential not-for-profit business model
 - d) work with the UK Government to secure electrification of the North Wales mainline by the end of Control Period 6
4. Notes the importance of the Welsh Government utilising the tools at its disposal to seize the benefits of rail electrification.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to engage with the UK Government about potential future electrification of rail lines in north Wales.
6. Calls on the Welsh government to investigate using the tender process to secure investment in the quality of rolling stock and infrastructure.
7. Believes the West Coast Main Line and the new HS2 Line are vital in improving services to the North Wales region and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to ensure that services to North Wales are strengthened in the future.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	5	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 17:21.

6. Short Debate

The item started at 17:30

NDM5056 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

The case for retaining the Agricultural Wages Board in Wales.

The UK Government has proposed the abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board. This will have a detrimental effect on agriculture in Wales and contribute to rural poverty. We should retain the Agricultural Wages board in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 17:50

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 16 October 2012