

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 17 October 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(89)

1. Questions to the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

The item started at 13:30

Questions 1–4 and 6–15 were asked. Question 5 was not asked.

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

The item started at 14:22

Questions 1–6, 8 and 11–14 were asked. Questions 7, 10 and 15 were not asked. Question 9 was withdrawn.

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

The item started at 15:13

NDM5020

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Russell George (Montgomeryshire)

William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

The National Assembly:

1. Recognises the potential to produce renewable energy from the Severn estuary and the importance of such a project for the Welsh Government in achieving its renewable energy targets as well as the potential for the creation of employment and training opportunities; and

2. Believes that, in the development of such energy, the technology for extracting such energy should be designed to ensure that as far as is reasonably practical and proportionate, it has the minimum possible environmental impact.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's report on Energy Policy and Planning Wales

The item started at 16:07

NDM5066 Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionydd)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 27 June 2012.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was laid in the Table Office on 10 October 2012.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 17:01

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5068 William Graham (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the responsibility of the Welsh Government in ensuring the provision of high-quality services that meet the diverse needs of all children in Wales.

2. Notes that:

a) the level of child poverty in Wales is the highest of any UK nation;

b) educational attainment in Wales is lower than the UK average, and key attainment gaps have widened; and

c) many inequalities in health exist between children in Wales and the rest of the UK.

3. Regrets that the Welsh Government is failing to deliver the high-quality services needed to assist children in fulfilling their full potential.

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 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Notes the priority given by the Welsh Government to the rights of children and young people and its significant investment to give children the best start in life, such as the expansion of Flying Start, and its support for children to achieve their potential.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	21	45

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the adverse impact of the UK Government's welfare reforms on children already living in poverty in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	15	45

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point 3 and re-number accordingly:

Welcomes the introduction of the Pupil Deprivation Grant in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	17	0	45

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point 3 and re-number accordingly:

Believes that renewed focus on improving housing and public health in deprived areas will reduce inequalities in health between children in Wales and the rest of the UK.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to remit Estyn to monitor and regularly evaluate the School Effectiveness Grant and Pupil Deprivation Grant to ensure that schools and local authorities use them to maximum effect to ameliorate the effects of poverty on children's educational attainment.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

Amendment 5 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5068 William Graham (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the responsibility of the Welsh Government in ensuring the provision of high-quality services that meet the diverse needs of all children in Wales.
2. Notes the priority given by the Welsh Government to the rights of children and young people and its significant investment to give children the best start in life, such as the expansion of Flying Start, and its support for children to achieve their potential.
3. Recognises the adverse impact of the UK Government's welfare reforms on children already living in poverty in Wales.
4. Welcomes the introduction of the Pupil Deprivation Grant in Wales.
5. Believes that renewed focus on improving housing and public health in deprived areas will reduce inequalities in health between children in Wales and the rest of the UK.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to remit Estyn to monitor and regularly evaluate the School Effectiveness Grant and Pupil Deprivation Grant to ensure that schools and local authorities use them to maximum effect to ameliorate the effects of poverty on children's educational attainment.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	15	45

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 18:04

6. Short Debate

The item started at 18:07

NDM5067 Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

Improving Dementia Care– developing seamless services

The increasing incidence of dementia requires a critical re–think of services as well as attitudes. Earlier diagnosis and assessment can keep people out of hospital and enables them to shape arrangements for their long term care. People need services which are multi–disciplinary, flexible and cost effective to support them as their needs change.

The meeting concluded at 18:33

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 23 October 2012