

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 13 November 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(94)

Presiding Officer Statement: Royal Assent – National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Act 2012.

The Presiding Officer announced that on 12 November, Royal Assent was given to the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Act 2012 which places a statutory duty on the National Assembly for Wales and the Assembly Commission to treat both the Welsh and English languages on the basis of equality.

The Presiding Officer also referred to this being a historic occasion, as it is the first Act of the Assembly to receive Royal Assent.

1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

All 15 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14:22

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the role of the National Clinical Forum in NHS reconfiguration in Wales.

EAQ(4)0191(HSS)

2. Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14:29

3. Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Together for Health – six month progress report – postponed from 6 November

The item started at 14:44

4. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: An update on the "Improving Schools" Plan, published on 10th October 2012

The item started at 15:19

5. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services: New Child Practice Review Framework – Improving Safeguarding and Protection

The item started at 15.56

6. Debate on the Draft Budget 2013–14

The item started at 16.24

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to redraft its Draft Budget for 2013–14 so that it:

a) addresses the extreme financial pressures on the Health Service due to the real terms cuts of £493 million pounds over three years;

b) meets the needs of businesses in Wales, which is crucial in creating employment;

c) closes the funding gap between school pupils in Wales and England; and

d) makes provision to alleviate council tax rises for hard-pressed Welsh households

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	10	32	53

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the education spending gap between England and Wales that will be exacerbated by the failure to substantially increase the Pupil Deprivation Grant in 2013/14.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	21	27	53

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Draft Budget does not seek to address the lack of access to innovative treatments in the NHS.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	10	26	52

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion :

NDM5087 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.12:

Notes the Draft Budget for the financial year 2013–2014 laid in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House on 2 October 2012.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	10	16	53

The motion was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 18:01

The meeting concluded at 18:03

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 14 November 2012