

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 6 March 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(118)

1. Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 13:30

All 15 questions were asked.

2. Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Communities

The item started at 14:17

Questions 1 – 9 and 11 – 15 were asked. Question 10 was not asked.

3. Debate on the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the establishment of a separate Welsh jurisdiction

The item started at 15:03

NDM5178 David Melding (South Wales Central)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee on its inquiry into a separate Welsh Jurisdiction, which was laid in the Table Office on 12 December 2012.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.50

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5180 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the Welsh Government has the economic levers at its disposal to make a significant difference to the Welsh economy.
2. Regrets that the Gross Value Added (GVA) in Wales is the lowest of the UK nations.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to review its strategy for economic development in light of the concerns raised by the Cardiff University Business School report 'Small Businesses in Priority Sectors' regarding the 'sectoral approach'.
4. Believes that the Minister must establish clear, measurable targets for key economic indicators to encourage economic progress and allow delivery to be monitored.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	37	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 1 delete 'the' before 'economic levers' and insert at end of point: 'despite many remaining in the control of the UK Government'

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	16	48

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the start of point 2:

'Welcomes the progress being made to increase competitiveness across the UK following the recent rise from 10th to 8th place in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index 2012–2013, but'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	8	48

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert at end of point 2: ‘but rejects the inevitability of this position’

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to review the support offered for the commercialisation of academic intellectual property from all Universities in Wales, to ensure our entrepreneurs have the best opportunity to develop prosperous, home-grown Welsh businesses for the future.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5180 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the Welsh Government has economic levers at its disposal to make a significant difference to the Welsh economy despite many remaining in the control of the UK Government.
2. Welcomes the progress being made to increase competitiveness across the UK following the recent rise from 10th to 8th place in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index 2012–2013, but Regrets that the Gross Value Added (GVA) in Wales is the lowest of the UK nations and rejects the inevitability of this position.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to review the support offered for the commercialisation of academic intellectual property from all Universities in Wales, to ensure our entrepreneurs have the best opportunity to develop prosperous, home-grown Welsh businesses for the future.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to review its strategy for economic development in light of the concerns raised by the Cardiff University Business School report 'Small Businesses in Priority Sectors' regarding the 'sectoral approach'.

5. Believes that the Minister must establish clear, measurable targets for key economic indicators to encourage economic progress and allow delivery to be monitored.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	11	24	48

The motion as amended was not agreed.

5. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16:43

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5179 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

This National Assembly:

1. Recognises the complex but predominantly negative impact of economic stagnation and welfare benefit changes upon women and families in Wales as noted by the Bevan Foundation report 'Women, work and the recession in Wales';

2. Notes the warning of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation that Wales faces a decade of destitution;

3. Believes that that UK Government has followed the wrong economic path since 2010, putting women and families at risk; and

4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to implement the recommendations of Cuts Watch Cymru to mitigate the effects of housing benefit changes to families and develop a plan to support young women into appropriate and well-paid employment to meet their needs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	16	48

The motion without amendment was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 17.38

6. Short Debate

The item started at 17.42

NDM5175 William Powell (Mid and West Wales):

Supporting the rural economy.

Debate relates to developing a rural banking network.

The meeting concluded at 18:02

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 12 March 2013