

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 1 May 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(128)

1. Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport – question sessions re-ordered

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 3, 5 – 12 and 14 – 15 were asked. Question 4 was transferred for written answer. Question 13 was transferred for written answer by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

2. Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 14.08

All 15 questions were asked.

3. Motion to amend Standing Orders 26 and 26A in relation to the Reconsideration Stage

The item started at 14.54

NDM5226 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Proposed amendments to Standing Orders 26 and 26A: Reconsideration Stage' laid in the Table Office on 24 April 2013; and

2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 26 and 26A, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Motion to amend Standing Orders 21 and 27 in relation to Reporting on Statutory Instruments

The item started at 14.54

NDM5227 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Proposed amendments to Standing Orders 21 and 27: Reporting on Statutory Instruments' laid in the Table Office on 24 April 2013; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 21 and 27, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Motion to amend Standing Orders 29 and 30 on Consent in Relation to UK Parliament Bills

The item started at 14.55

NDM5225 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Proposed amendments to Standing Orders 29 and 30: Consent in Relation to UK Parliament Bills' laid in the Table Office on 24 April 2013; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 29 and 30, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 14.56

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5216 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that most people who use Welsh NHS services do so responsibly.
2. Regrets the adverse impact of irresponsible patient behaviour by a minority of people who use the Welsh NHS.
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to take action to discourage irresponsible patient behaviour and promote greater responsibility amongst those who use the NHS.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	12	50

The motion without amendment was agreed.

7. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 15.51

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5224 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh government to remit the Commission on Public Service Governance to address the current lack of democratic accountability within the NHS by considering:

- a) direct elections to Local Health Boards;
- b) democratic oversight of joint working and pooled budget arrangements between Health Boards and local authorities;
- c) the election of service users to Community Health Councils; and
- d) the financial accountability of Local Health Boards directly to the National Assembly's Finance Committee

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	41	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete 'remit the Commission on Public Service Governance to address the current lack of democratic accountability within the NHS by considering:' and replace with 'include within the terms of reference of the Commission on Public Service Governance the

current lack of democratic accountability within the NHS and whether this could be addressed through:’

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	34	50

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete sub-point d) and replace with:

‘the role of the National Assembly and local authorities in the financial accountability arrangements for the Welsh NHS.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	34	50

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete sub-point d)

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	8	16	50

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new sub-point d) and renumber accordingly:

‘the adoption of a standard specification of skills, experience and aptitude required for members elected to Community Health Council executive committees;’

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	8	26	50

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5– William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new sub–point at end of motion:

‘a requirement for local health boards to publish details of every item of expenditure above £500 (other than individual staff costs) online for public scrutiny’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	34	50

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new sub–point at end of motion:

‘the role of third sector organisations in improving the accountability of the NHS to the people of Wales.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	4	50

Amendment 6 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5224 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

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Calls on the Welsh government to remit the Commission on Public Service Governance to address the current lack of democratic accountability within the NHS by considering:

- a) direct elections to Local Health Boards;
- b) democratic oversight of joint working and pooled budget arrangements between Health Boards and local authorities;
- c) the election of service users to Community Health Councils; and
- d) the role of third sector organisations in improving the accountability of the NHS to the people of Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

8. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

The item started at 16.45

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5228 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that future support for school standards in Wales must focus on allowing every pupil to reach their full potential and give schools the power to drive standards up.
2. Notes that analysis by the Institute of Welsh Affairs highlights that where schools focus on the trajectory of its pupils as much as on their absolute standard of attainment, with the appropriate use of internal evaluation and monitoring, standards can be raised in schools on an individual pupil basis.
3. Welcomes the commitment by the Welsh Government to ensure that Estyn reports on how effectively the Pupil Deprivation Grant is being used by schools to narrow the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and more affluent backgrounds.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) develop an individual pupil monitoring programme to measure pupils' progress, allowing schools to target efforts at those pupils who are not meeting their potential
 - b) substantially increase funding for the Pupil Deprivation Grant and ensure that schools publicise how this funding has been spent, to encourage accountability, effective targeting and the sharing of best practice; and
 - c) reform the school banding system to ensure that it measures school performance with regard to individual pupil performance, including re-structuring the system to demonstrate how well schools are achieving in supporting pupils to meet their own potential.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	0	44	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In point 1, after ‘pupil’ insert ‘, regardless of background or ability,’

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 1 add ‘and educational bodies’ after ‘give schools’

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete point 3.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	38	50

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete point 4.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	24	50

Amendment 4 was agreed.

As amendment 4 was agreed, amendments 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 were de-selected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5228 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that future support for school standards in Wales must focus on allowing every pupil, regardless of background or ability, to reach their full potential and give schools and educational bodies the power to drive standards up.
2. Notes that analysis by the Institute of Welsh Affairs highlights that where schools focus on the trajectory of its pupils as much as on their absolute standard of attainment, with the appropriate use of internal evaluation and monitoring, standards can be raised in schools on an individual pupil basis.
3. Welcomes the commitment by the Welsh Government to ensure that Estyn reports on how effectively the Pupil Deprivation Grant is being used by schools to narrow the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and more affluent backgrounds.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	4	0	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 17.45

9. Short Debate

The item started at 17.52

NDM5215 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):

Building a 21st Century Rural Road Network: The Case for Dualling the A40 in Pembrokeshire

The meeting concluded at 18:12

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 7 May 2013