

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 21 May 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(133)

1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 10 questions were asked. Question 8 and 9 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

Urgent Questions

The item started at 14.20

Urgent Question 1

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): What explanation does the Minister have for the deterioration in the standards of education in Blaenau Gwent since appointing commissioners two years ago?

The item started at 14.26

Urgent Question 2

Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth): Will the Minister make a statement on the consequences for the future of GCSE & A-level qualifications in Wales following the UK Government Education Secretary Michael Gove's letter that was published yesterday?

2. Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.32

3. Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Welfare Reform

The item started at 14.42

4. Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Together for Health – Six Month Update

The item started at 15.25

5. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Essential Skills in the Workplace

The item started at 16.18

6. Debate: Promoting green growth through resource efficiency

The item started at 16.52

NDM5243 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the value of promoting green growth as a key driver of our vision for the future of Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point at start of motion:

Acknowledges the huge potential for green growth in Wales.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new point at start of motion:

Notes the UK Government's commitment to developing the green economy.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point at start of motion:

Notes the Renewable Energy Association estimate that by 2020, some 400,000 jobs across the UK could be supported by the renewables industry, which highlights the importance of green business to economic growth.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the importance of green initiatives in supporting community regeneration and the wide ranging benefits of green community schemes.

Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Urges the Welsh Government to develop a clear, overarching strategy for green growth supported by evidence based targets, together with clear guidelines to resolve conflicts between economic, environmental and social priorities.

Amendment 5 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

Amendment 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a programme with measureable outcomes to improve the energy efficiency of homes in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	27	55

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a Green Skills Construction College to make Wales a centre of excellence.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	41	56

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

Amendment 8 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a ‘routemap’ and action plan, with production targets, for each type of renewable energy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 9 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the establishment of a Green Investment Bank by the UK Government and calls on the Welsh Government to assess the support it can offer to Welsh businesses to capitalise on the opportunities this investment creates for the Welsh renewables supply chain.

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 9 was agreed.

Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the importance of a green skills base to the development of a strong and effective supply chain in Wales, to support green growth within the wider Welsh economy, and calls on the Welsh Government to increase the academic and vocational opportunities available in Wales to develop the skills to support green jobs.

A vote was taken on Amendment 10:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 10 was agreed.

Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to establish specific performance indicators to monitor the progress of green growth in Wales, for example:

1. GVA figures updated quarterly
2. Business statistics which focus on core categories within the Economic Renewal Programme
3. Workplace employment statistics for the green economy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 11:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5243 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

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Notes the UK Government's commitment to developing the green economy.

Acknowledges the huge potential for green growth in Wales.

Recognises the value of promoting green growth as a key driver of our vision for the future of Wales.

Recognises the importance of green initiatives in supporting community regeneration and the wide ranging benefits of green community schemes.

Urges the Welsh Government to develop a clear, overarching strategy for green growth supported by evidence based targets, together with clear guidelines to resolve conflicts between economic, environmental and social priorities.

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a programme with measurable outcomes to improve the energy efficiency of homes in Wales.

Welcomes the establishment of a Green Investment Bank by the UK Government and calls on the Welsh Government to assess the support it can offer to Welsh businesses to capitalise on the opportunities this investment creates for the Welsh renewables supply chain.

Recognises the importance of a green skills base to the development of a strong and effective supply chain in Wales, to support green growth within the wider Welsh economy, and calls on the Welsh Government to increase the academic and vocational opportunities available in Wales to develop the skills to support green jobs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 17.39

The meeting concluded at 17:43

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 22 May 2013