

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 22 May 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(134)

1. Questions to the Minister for Finance

The item started at 13.30

The first 13 questions were asked. Question 11 and 13 were grouped together for answer.

2. Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Government Business

The item started at 14.15

All 15 questions were asked. Question 1 and 9 were grouped together for answer.

Urgent Question

The item started at 15.01

Leanne Wood (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the south Wales hospital reorganisation programme?

3. Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 15.14

Both questions were asked.

4. Debate on the Queen's Speech

The item started at 15.24

In accordance with Standing Order 11.15 (i) the Business Committee decided that any vote necessary would take place at the end of the debate.

NDM5245 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2013/2014.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that a Government of Wales Bill implementing the recommendations of the Silk Commission on Devolution in Wales was not included in the legislative programme.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	18	57

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Draft Wales Bill, which will reform elections to the National Assembly and could provide a platform for the UK Government to implement any recommendations of the Silk Commission (Part I).

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	29	56

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the National Insurance Contributions Bill, which will mean that from April 2014 every charity and business will be entitled to a £2,000 Employment Allowance, helping over 35,000 businesses in Wales to hire their first employee or expand their workforce.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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29	0	30	59
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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 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Pensions Bill, which will introduce a single tier state pension, bringing significant and much needed reform that will support people to save for retirement.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	10	29	57

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Deregulation Bill, which will help reduce the burden of excessive and unnecessary regulation on businesses, organisations and individuals, to help growth and save money for the taxpayer.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	9	29	56

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Draft Consumer Rights Bill, which will simplify and consolidate core consumer rights, ensuring that consumers have clearer rights in law and businesses treat their customers fairly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	10	29	57

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Care Bill, which will reform care and support funding in England ensuring that people are protected from the high costs of their social care, and calls on the Welsh Government to outline the key principles that will underpin a new care funding system in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	11	29	58

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government's continued commitment, as outlined in the UK Government's legislative programme, to building an economy where people who work hard are properly rewarded.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	40	58

Amendment 8 was not agreed.

Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government commitment to the Draft Wales Bill.

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

Amendment 9 was agreed.

Amendment 10 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the UK Government commitment to a Care Bill and calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward similar proposals to ensure the cost of care in Wales is addressed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 10:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	40	58

Amendment 10 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2013/2014.

Regrets that a Government of Wales Bill implementing the recommendations of the Silk Commission on Devolution in Wales was not included in the legislative programme.

Welcomes the UK Government commitment to the Draft Wales Bill.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	18	0	58

The motion as amended was agreed.

5. Debate on the Finance Committee's Report Invest to Save

The item started at 17.31

NDM5246 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Finance Committee's report on Invest-to-Save which was laid in the Table Office on 26 March 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Voting Time

There was no Voting Time.

6. Short Debate

The item started at 18.17

NDM5244 Suzy Davies (South Wales West): How Safe is Safe?: Implications for the Learner Travel Measure in view of the Active Travel Bill

A debate to discuss what constitutes a safe walking or cycling route to school.

The meeting concluded at 18:36

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 4 June 2013