

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 23 October 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(158)

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance

The item started at 13.30

All 15 questions were asked. Question 3 and 10 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.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14.54

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Following the statements made by the First Minister and the Director of Clinical Services at Hywel Dda LHB that orthopaedic surgery will be postponed over the winter, will the Minister make a statement on what support is being offered to patients who will have to wait longer for their treatment because of this decision?

3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 15.08

The question was asked.

4 Motion to annul the Education (Penalty Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2013

The item started at 15.10

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

NDM5307 Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 27.2:

Agrees that the Education (Penalty Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2013, laid before the Assembly on 12 August 2013, be annulled.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	10	28	55

The motion was not agreed.

5 Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Home Adaptations

The item started at 15.39

NDM5339 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee on its Inquiry into Home Adaptations, which was laid in the Table Office on 17 July 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Petitions Committee's Report on The Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team

The item started at 16.26

NDM5340 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee on the Establishment of a Welsh Cricket Team, which was laid in the Table Office on 1 May 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 17.11

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5341 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises there are attainment gaps within Welsh education, which are holding back different groups of children;
2. Believes those who are not achieving their full potential can often feel disenfranchised, and this can lead to problems in later life;
3. Further recognises the move between primary and secondary education is a great upheaval at an already difficult period of a child's development; and
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure learning is not disrupted during this period by implementing a robust and discrete 8–14 education strategy.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	43	55

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert at the end of point 1 ‘, particularly the gap between attainment and deprivation’

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	5	55

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 1:

‘and welcomes the increase in the Pupil Deprivation Grant announced in the Draft Budget 2014–15, which will help break the link between poverty and educational underachievement.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	12	0	55

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises that young carers in particular are often vulnerable to educational underachievement due to the additional challenges they face, and calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways to improve identification and support for young carers to help fulfil their educational potential and support the transition into adulthood.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 3:

‘and calls on the Welsh Government to formalise partnerships between schools and ensure that the early years education offers a better balance of pastoral and academic teaching, to help improve the transition of pupils from primary to secondary schools.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5– Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

In point 4 delete ‘and discrete’

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 4:

‘and supporting pupils to reach their full potential by reforming the school banding system to ensure that it measures school performance with regard to individual pupil performance.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	10	0	54

Amendment 6 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5341 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises there are attainment gaps within Welsh education, which are holding back different groups of children, particularly the gap between attainment and deprivation and welcomes the increase in the Pupil Deprivation Grant announced in the Draft Budget 2014–15, which will help break the link between poverty and educational underachievement;
2. Believes those who are not achieving their full potential can often feel disenfranchised, and this can lead to problems in later life;
3. Recognises that young carers in particular are often vulnerable to educational underachievement due to the additional challenges they face, and calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways to improve identification and support for young carers to help fulfil their educational potential and support the transition into adulthood and calls on the Welsh Government to formalise partnerships between schools and ensure that the early years education offers a better balance of pastoral and academic teaching, to help improve the transition of pupils from primary to secondary schools;
4. Further recognises the move between primary and secondary education is a great upheaval at an already difficult period of a child’s development; and
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure learning is not disrupted during this period by implementing a robust 8–14 education strategy and supporting pupils to reach their full potential by reforming the school banding system to ensure that it measures school performance with regard to individual pupil performance.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

The motion as amended was not agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 18.03

8 Short Debate

The item started at 18.08

NDM5338 Suzy Davies (South Wales West): Swansea Bay City of Culture – a creative opportunity for the economy.

The Swansea Bay Region bid for the UK City of Culture 2017 and the benefits to the Welsh economy of a successful bid.

The meeting concluded at 18:24

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 5 November 2013