

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 5 November 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(159)

Presiding Officer's Statement

The Presiding Officer announced that both the Mobile Homes (Wales) Act 2013 and the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 received Royal Assent on 4 November 2013.

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport

The item started at 14.18

Questions 1 – 12 and 14 – 15 were asked. Question 13 was withdrawn.

3 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 15.05

4 Statement by the First Minister: The UK Government's initial response to the Silk Commission's report on financial reform for Wales

The item started at 15.19

5 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Progress on Houses into Homes

The item started at 16.10

6 Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Travelling to a Better Future – Gypsy and Traveller Framework for Action and Delivery Plan

The item started at 16.36

7 Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: The Establishment of Qualifications Wales

The item started at 17.10

8 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Opportunities and Challenges Facing the Forestry Sector in Wales

The item started at 17.52

9 Debate: Support for the Armed Forces in Wales

The item started at 18.32

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

NDM5343 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

a) the Welsh Government's work to ensure that public services in Wales support members of the Armed Forces community;

b) the revised Welsh Government Package of Support for the Armed Forces Community in Wales;

c) the work on-going through the Minister for Local Government and Government Business' Expert Group on the Needs of the Armed Forces Community in Wales.

The Revised Welsh Government Package of Support for the Armed Forces Community in Wales is available on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/safety/armedforces/packagesupport/?lang=en>

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub point a) and renumber accordingly:

the importance of Remembrance Day in reminding us of the sacrifice of those who have served in the armed forces and those in the civilian population, whose lives were lost or irreversibly changed by conflicts since 1914;

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub point a) and renumber accordingly:

the forthcoming Centenary of the First World War and the need to safeguard our War Memorials;

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert as new sub point b) and renumber accordingly:

with regret the failure of the Welsh Government to introduce a Veterans Card Scheme, as promised 2 years ago;

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	37	53

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new sub point at end of motion:

the varied and complex needs of the Armed Forces Community.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of the motion:

Recognises the outstanding work being undertaken by MoD-sponsored national youth voluntary organisations to engage with young people who are not in education, employment or training and calls on the Welsh Government to incorporate this work into their youth engagement and progression framework.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	10	53

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the £30 million Community Covenant Grant Scheme launched by the UK Government and calls on the Welsh Government to promote the opportunities offered to local communities to strengthen the ties and mutual understanding between members of the Armed Forces Community and the wider community in which they live.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	10	0	53

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure sufficient capacity in the NHS for members of the Armed Forces Community in Wales who suffer from PTSD to access suitable care, including access to specialists and adequate emergency and respite support.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

Amendment 7 was agreed.

Amendment 8 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that members of the Armed Forces Community in Wales receive the priority medical treatment to which they are entitled by implementing a consistent method of identification of members of the Armed Forces Community by Local Health Boards in Wales; to ensure that members of the Armed Forces Community are aware of their entitlement; and to monitor the delivery of this entitlement.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	10	53

Amendment 8 was agreed.

Amendment 9 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a timeline for the phased development of a commissioning policy for provision of prosthetics for members of the Armed Forces Community in Wales and of improvements to the planning, organisation and delivery of prosthetic services as a whole.

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

Amendment 9 was not agreed.

Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that Local Health Boards in Wales establish relationships with the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre Headley Court.

A vote was taken on Amendment 10:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	10	0	53

Amendment 10 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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b) the importance of Remembrance Day in reminding us of the sacrifice of those who have served in the armed forces and those in the civilian population, whose lives were lost or irreversibly changed by conflicts since 1914;

c) the Welsh Government's work to ensure that public services in Wales support members of the Armed Forces community;

d) the revised Welsh Government Package of Support for the Armed Forces Community in Wales;

e) the work on-going through the Minister for Local Government and Government Business' Expert Group on the Needs of the Armed Forces Community in Wales.

f) the varied and complex needs of the Armed Forces Community.

2. Recognises the outstanding work being undertaken by MoD-sponsored national youth voluntary organisations to engage with young people who are not in education, employment or training and calls on the Welsh Government to incorporate this work into their youth engagement and progression framework.

3. Welcomes the £30 million Community Covenant Grant Scheme launched by the UK Government and calls on the Welsh Government to promote the opportunities offered to local communities to strengthen the ties and mutual understanding between members of the Armed Forces Community and the wider community in which they live.

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53	0	0	53

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 19.16

The meeting concluded at 19:20

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 6 November 2013