

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 12 November 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(161)

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 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.16

3 Statement by the First Minister: The Review of Neonatal Services in North Wales

The item started at 14.30

4 Statement by the First Minister: Y Gynhadledd Fawr – next steps

The item started at 15.03

5 Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Preparations for Winter Weather

The item started at 15.42

6 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Review of the Availability of Funding for SMEs: Second Report

The item started at 16.11

7 Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Continuity and Change – Refreshing the Relationship between Welsh Government and the Third Sector in Wales

The item started at 16.44

8 Motion to approve the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Regulations 2013

The item started at 17.12

NDM5349 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5

Approves that the draft The Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Regulations 2013 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 14 October 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Motion to approve the Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013

The item started at 17.21

NDM5350 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5

Approves that the draft The Family Absence for Member of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 15 October 2013

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Local Audit and Accountability Bill

The item started at 17.23

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

NDM5259 Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Local Audit and Accountability Bill relating to audit arrangements for Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) whose areas fall partly within Wales, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The result was as follows:

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 motion was not agreed.

11 Debate: NHS and Social Service Plans for Winter Preparedness

The item started at 17.43

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

NDM5348 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the work of the Welsh NHS and its partners in preparing for the coming winter.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the postponement of orthopaedic operations in the Hywel Dda area.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

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 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that planning for winter pressures should be a routine matter and should not lead to deterioration of services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

- a) publish an annual National Winter Preparedness Plan for the Welsh NHS; and
- b) agree that such plans be subjected to a post implementation evaluation to determine their effectiveness.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets Hywel Dda Local Health Board's proposed plans to postpone all elective orthopaedic surgery over the winter.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

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 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish each Local Health Board's winter preparation plan.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that 2,600 operations were postponed last year due to increased winter pressures and calls on the Welsh Government to work with Local Health Boards to avoid any delays or cancelled operations due to winter pressures in the future.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

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 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that there are 2,713 fewer hospital beds in Wales than in 2003 and calls on the Welsh Government to increase the number of beds available to help meet the challenge of winter demand.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

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:

NDM5348 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the work of the Welsh NHS and its partners in preparing for the coming winter;
2. Believes that planning for winter pressures should be a routine matter and should not lead to deterioration of services;
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:
 - a) publish an annual National Winter Preparedness Plan for the Welsh NHS; and
 - b) agree that such plans be subjected to a post implementation evaluation to determine their effectiveness;
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish each Local Health Board's winter preparation plan.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 18.40

The meeting concluded at 18:44

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