

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 3 December 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(167)

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 11 questions were asked. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14.16

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Given the deterioration in Wales's Programme for International Student Assessment results, what steps is the Minister taking to urgently improve educational standards and attainment in Wales?

2 Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport

The item started at 14.24

Questions 2 – 15 were asked. Question 1 was transferred for written answer.

3 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 15.10

4 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Responses to the "Renting Homes" White Paper

The item started at 15.22

5 Debate on the General Principles of the Education (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.51

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

NDM5376 Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Education (Wales) Bill.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets part 3 is not contained within a separate special educational needs Bill for children and young people.

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.

A vote was taken on the motion:

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As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting for the motion to allow for further discussion of the Bill at Stages 2 and 3.

6 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Education (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.37

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

NDM5377 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Education (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	28	57

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting for the motion to allow for further discussion of the Bill at Stages 2 and 3.

7 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill

The Item started at 16.41

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

The amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:

1. Review of operation of Act

4, 1

2. Transitional arrangements

6, 7

3. Representation on governing bodies

5, 5A, 3

Amendment 5 is the lead amendment in the group

These amendments will be disposed of in the order: 5A, 5, 3

4. Consultation by the body

8

5. Redundancy dismissal

2

Voting was taken in the order set out in the Marshalled List of Amendments.

Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	44	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

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.

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 Amendment 5A:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	1	28	56

Amendment 5A was not agreed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	15	13	55

Amendment 5 was agreed.

As amendment 5 was agreed, amendment 3 fell.

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 2 was withdrawn.

All sections and schedules of the Bill were deemed agreed, concluding Stage 3 proceedings.

8 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill

The Item started at 17.28

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the NHS Finance (Wales) Bill

The Item started at 17.29

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

The amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:

1. Overview

1

2. Financial Duties of Local Health Boards

2

3. Planning Duties of Local Health Boards and Welsh Ministers

3

4. Reporting

4, 4A, 5, 7, 8

These amendments will be disposed of in the order – 4A, 4, 5, 7

5. Power to Borrow

6

Voting was taken in the order set out in the Marshalled List of Amendments.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4A:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	38	56

Amendment 4A was not agreed.

Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

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 Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	9	28	55

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

As amendment 7 was not agreed, amendment 8 fell.

All sections and schedules of the Bill were deemed agreed, concluding Stage 3 proceedings.

10Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the NHS Finance (Wales) Bill

The item started at 18.13

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the NHS Finance (Wales) Bill

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Voting Time

The item started at 18.19

The meeting concluded at 18:22

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 4 December 2013