

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 14 January 2014

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(171)

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 7 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14.20

William Graham (South Wales East) Will the Minister make a statement concerning the co-ordination of the emergency services with other government departments, agencies and voluntary services in tackling the adverse weather conditions and flooding?

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.41

3 Statement by the Counsel General: The Referral of the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill to the Supreme Court

The item started at 14.59

4 Statement by the Minister for Culture and Sport: Historic Environment Services in Wales

The item started at 15.26

5 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food: Implementation of a new Common Agricultural Policy

The item started at 15.53

6 Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion on the Children and Families Bill in respect of an amendment in relation to section 98(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002

The item started at 16.38

NDM5383 Gwenda Thomas (Neath)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Children and Families Bill, relating to amendments to section 98(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 3 December 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(iii).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2014

The item started at 16.48

NDM5395 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

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

Approves that the draft The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 26 November 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

The item started at 16.51

NDM5392 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

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

Approves that the draft The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 9 December 2013.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Motion to suspend Standing Order 11.16 to allow the next item of business to be debated (5 mins)

The item started at 16.55

NDM5400 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

That the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow the motion under item 9 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday 14 January 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 The Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Order 2014

The item started at 16.56

NNDM5396 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

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

Approves that the draft The Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) Order 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 6 January 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Debate: The 2014–15 Local Government Revenue & Capital Settlements

The item started at 17.02

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

NDM5393 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988:

Approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2014–2015 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was laid in the Table Office on 7 January 2014.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	15	12	55

The motion was agreed.

11 Debate: The Annual Report on Equality 2012–13

The item started at 17.46

NDM5394 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the progress made on promoting equality and inclusion in 2012–13, as set out in the Welsh Government’s Annual Report on Equality, which was laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 13 December 2013.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to encourage the development of domestic abuse workplace policies for public sector employees.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Believes that victims of sex crimes should have the right to be informed when their attacker is released from custody, including the conditions of their release, and that this right should be included in the forthcoming Ending Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse Bill.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Recognises the need to ensure that support services for victims of sexual violence are of a consistent standard and are available throughout Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to consider introducing an Access to Elected Office for Disabled People Fund such as that introduced by the UK Government.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	10	1	55

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5394 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the progress made on promoting equality and inclusion in 2012–13, as set out in the Welsh Government’s Annual Report on Equality, which was laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 13 December 2013.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to encourage the development of domestic abuse workplace policies for public sector employees.

3. Recognises the need to ensure that support services for victims of sexual violence are of a consistent standard and are available throughout Wales.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider introducing an Access to Elected Office for Disabled People Fund such as that introduced by the UK Government.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

The motion as amended was agreed.

Point of Order

Ann Jones raised a Point of Order asking for the Deputy Presiding Officer’s ruling as to whether Mohammed Asghar’s referring to her having ‘a minor disability’ breached Standing Order 13.9(iv) or (v). The Deputy Presiding Officer ruled that he had not called the Member to order at the time as he had considered the remarks tactless rather than discourteous or discriminatory, but said he would review the Record of Proceedings and return with a further ruling if necessary.

Voting Time

The item started at 18.34

The meeting concluded at 18:36

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 15 January 2014