

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 18 March 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(187)

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 10 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 14.17

Byron Davies (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on claims by the First Minister that the Welsh Government will no longer bear costs associated with electrification of the Valleys Lines?

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.27

Motion to elect Members to Committees

The item started at 14.35

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

NDM5471 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Alun Ffred Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a member, and Chair, of the Environment and Sustainability Committee in place of Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Plaid Cymru).

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	6	0	58

The motion was agreed.

3 Debate: The Report of the Expert Group on Diversity in Local Government

The item started at 14.44

NDM5462 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Expert Group on Diversity in Local Government.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities to encourage family-friendly working environments, and to take into account the report's findings regarding childcare availability, timings of meetings and the atmosphere of council meetings.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5462 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of the Expert Group on Diversity in Local Government.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities to encourage family-friendly working environments, and to take into account the report's findings regarding childcare availability, timings of meetings and the atmosphere of council meetings.

The motion as amended was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4 Debate: The Legislative Programme

The item started at 15.33

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

NDM5463 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes concerns raised about the number of framework bills being brought to the Assembly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes concerns raised about the number of occasions that the Assembly's standard legislative process has been curtailed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern the recent trend of framework bills, and fast-tracked and emergency legislation, which undermines the capacity for effective legislative scrutiny and strong democratic accountability.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Government to bring forward a bill on special educational needs within the next year.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that the success of the Legislative Programme relies on a comprehensive and coherent Programme for Government.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the Legislative Programme is restricted by referrals of government legislation to the Supreme Court.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	13	58

Amendment 6 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5463 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme.
2. Calls on the Government to bring forward a bill on special educational needs within the next year.
3. Recognises that the success of the Legislative Programme relies on a comprehensive and coherent Programme for Government.
4. Notes that the Legislative Programme is restricted by referrals of government legislation to the Supreme Court.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	13	0	58

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 16.08

In accordance with Standing Order 12.44, the bell was rung and the meeting adjourned and reconvened at 16.10 for voting time.

At 16.13, proceedings were suspended for 10 minutes. The bell was rung 5 minutes before reconvening for Report Stage proceedings on the Social Services and Well – being (Wales) Bill.

5 Report Stage debate for the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.23

The amendments will be disposed of in the order that the sections and schedules to which they relate were set out in the motion under Standing Order 26.36 agreed by the Assembly on 11 March 2014.

A vote was taken on Amendment 106:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 11 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 7 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 8 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 1A was not moved.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 108:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	42	58

Amendment 108 was not agreed.

Amendment 101 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 12 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 13 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 14 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 15 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 16 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 17 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 18 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 19 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 20 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 21 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 113:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 22 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 109:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 114 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 102:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	42	58

Amendment 102 was not agreed.

As amendment 102 was not agreed, amendments 103 and 105 fell.

Amendment 23 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 24 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 25 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 26 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 27 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 28 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 29 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 30 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 31 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 32 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 33 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 34 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 35 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 36 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 37 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 38 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 39 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 40 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 41 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 42 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 43 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

At 18.26, proceedings were suspended for 15 minutes. The bell was rung 5 minutes before reconvening for Report Stage proceedings on the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill.

Amendment 44 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 45 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 46 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 47 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 48 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 49 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 50 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

In accordance with Standing Order 26.35, the Presiding Officer accepted a late amendment, Amendment 51A, to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill for the purpose of Report Stage proceedings.

Amendment 51A was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 51, as amended, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 52 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 53 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 54 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 110:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

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.

As amendment 110 was not agreed, amendments 111 and 107 fell.

Amendment 55 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 9 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendments 56, 57 and 58 were disposed of *en bloc* and were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 97 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 59 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 60 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.

Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 61 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 62 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 63 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 64 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 65 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 66 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 98 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 99 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 100 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 67 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 68 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 69 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 70 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 112 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

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 71 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 72 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 73 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 74 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 75 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 76 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 77 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendments 78, 79 and 80 were disposed of *en bloc* and were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 81 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 82 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendments 83, 84 and 85 were disposed of *en bloc* and were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 86 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 87 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 88 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 89 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 90 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 91 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 118:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

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.

As amendment 118 was not agreed, amendment 115 fell.

A vote was taken on Amendment 119:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

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.

As amendment 119 was not agreed, amendment 116 fell.

A vote was taken on Amendment 120:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	42	58

Amendment 120 was not agreed.

As amendment 120 was not agreed, amendment 117 fell.

Amendment 92 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 93 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 96 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 94 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 95 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 10 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

6 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill

The item started at 20.05

At the conclusion of Report Stage the Deputy 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 Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill.

The result was as follows

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	5	58

The motion was agreed.

The meeting concluded at 20.28

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 19 March 2014