

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 8 October 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(222)

Presiding Officer Statement

The Presiding Officer made a statement marking the one thousandth Plenary meeting of the Assembly since it was established in 1999. The Presiding Officer said that today's Assembly is a very different institution to the one that first met 15 years ago, especially as we have had law-making powers since 2011.

The Presiding Officer also said that she very much hopes that over the course of the next 1,000 meetings, the Assembly will see many more changes, including a settlement that is clearer and easier to understand, greater control by the Assembly over its own internal affairs and procedures, and an increase in the number of AMs to reflect the Assembly's enhanced responsibilities.

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business

The item started at 13.31

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

2 Questions to the Minister for Public Services

The item started at 14.16

The first 10 questions were asked. Question 5 and 7 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

3 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 15.00

Both questions were asked.

4 Motion to annul The Education (European Institutions) and Student Support (Wales) (Revocation) Regulations 2014

The item started at 15.05

NNDM5582 Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 27.2:

Agrees that The Education (European Institutions) and Student Support (Wales) (Revocation) Regulations 2014, laid before the Assembly on 18 July 2014, be annulled.

The motion was withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 12.27.

5 Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on Best Practice Budget Processes

The item started at 15.13

NDM5591 Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee on its inquiry into Best Practice Budget Processes, which was laid in the Table Office on 24 July 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's Report on orthodontic services in Wales

The item started at 15.48

NDM5590 David Rees (Aberavon)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report by the Health and Social Care Committee on orthodontic services in Wales, which was laid in the Table Office on 15 July 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

The item started at 16.24

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5593 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes that the Welsh Government, together with the Welsh Liberal Democrats, have secured an additional £95m of funding over two years in the new budget for the Pupil Deprivation Grant.
2. Welcomes that funding has also been extended to include the Early Years Pupil Premium for children under the age of 5.
3. Recognises that the two year budget deal helps address concerns expressed by schools in previous years of the scheme regarding the continuity of funding.

4. Recognises the importance of both schemes in helping break the link between poverty and educational under-achievement, and in closing the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and more advantaged backgrounds.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	19	48

The motion without amendment was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.23

9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.24

NDM5594 Keith Davies (Llanelli)

Urban Regeneration 2.0 – Creating sustainable urban communities and town centres.

The meeting concluded at 17.45

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 October 2014