

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 14 October 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(223)

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 14.16

The first 7 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 6 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

3 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

The item started at 15.02

Questions 1 – 7, 9 – 11, 13 and 15 were asked. Questions 8 and 14 were withdrawn. Question 12 was transferred for written answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

4 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 15.45

5 Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Town Centre Regeneration

The item started at 16.00

6 The Town and Country Planning (Determination of Procedure) (Wales) Order 2014

The item started at 16.28

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

NDM5598 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

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

Approves that the draft The Town and Country Planning (Determination of Procedure) (Wales) Order 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 22 September 2014.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	1	24	52

The motion was agreed.

7 Debate on the General Principles of the Higher Education (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.32

NDM5597 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 Higher Education (Wales) Bill

The Higher Education (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 19 May 2014;

The report of Children, Young People and Education Committee on the Higher Education (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 3 October 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

The item started at 17.16

NDM5596 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Higher 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 motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Debate: The Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Annual Report 2013–14

The item started at 17.16

NDM5595 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose the National Assembly of Wales:

Notes the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Annual Review 'Protecting and Promoting Equality and Human Rights'.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Modern Slavery Bill introduced in the House of Commons on 10 June 2014 which proposes bringing in tougher penalties for human traffickers and which aims to enhance protection for victims.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the fact that forcing someone to marry against their will is now a criminal offence.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure each school has a trained member of staff with the expertise to recognise children who show signs of having witnessed domestic abuse.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Requests the Welsh Government to take action to stop the practice of Female Genital Mutilation.

A Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that little progress has been made in getting women into positions of power and influence in Wales in the last ten years.

Amendment 5 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 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that continuing to be a signatory to the European Convention of Human Rights is in the interests of Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the fundamental role that the Human Rights Act & the European Convention on Human Rights play in protecting and promoting equality and human rights in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

Amendment 7 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5595 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose the National Assembly of Wales:

1. Notes the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales Annual Review 'Protecting and Promoting Equality and Human Rights'.
2. Welcomes the Modern Slavery Bill introduced in the House of Commons on 10 June 2014 which proposes bringing in tougher penalties for human traffickers and which aims to enhance protection for victims.

3. Welcomes the fact that forcing someone to marry against their will is now a criminal offence.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure each school has a trained member of staff with the expertise to recognise children who show signs of having witnessed domestic abuse.

5. Requests the Welsh Government to take action to stop the practice of Female Genital Mutilation.

6. Regrets that little progress has been made in getting women into positions of power and influence in Wales in the last ten years.

7. Believes that continuing to be a signatory to the European Convention of Human Rights is in the interests of Wales.

8. Welcomes the fundamental role that the Human Rights Act & the European Convention on Human Rights play in protecting and promoting equality and human rights in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 18.01

The meeting concluded at 18.03

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 21 October 2014