

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 5 November 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(227)

1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 3, 6 and 8 were grouped together for answer. Questions 2 and 4 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Health. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14.15

Both questions were asked.

3 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Murco Refinery, Milford Haven

The item started at 14.20

4 Questions to the Assembly Commission

No questions tabled.

5 The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report on the Inquiry into Disqualification from Membership of the National Assembly for Wales

The item started at 14.50

NDM5610 David Melding (South Wales Central)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee on its inquiry into the Disqualification of Membership from the National Assembly for Wales, which was laid in the Table Office on 30 July 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.24

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5608 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish a Cancer Treatments Fund for Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	40	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete all and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to expand the health technologies fund to medicines for cancer and other diseases.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
6	0	44	50

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete all after "establish" and replace with "an all Wales approach to ensure consistency and equity in access to cancer treatments".

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	10	50

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5608 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish an all Wales approach to ensure consistency and equity in access to cancer treatments.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	10	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Plaid Cymru 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:

NDM5611 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that the inequality gap between the poorest and richest people and regions has grown under successive UK Governments.
2. Notes that GVA per capita in West Wales and the Valleys is 62.7% of the UK average while GVA per capita in Inner London is 308.8%.
3. Recognises the need for a rebalancing of the UK economy away from a concentration of wealth in the South East of England.
4. Notes the focus of the UK Government's economic strategy on the financial services sector and further notes that whilst this can be a growth sector in Wales, the core of Wales's economy is built around manufacturing, production and exports.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) focus on realising and building on Wales's economic potential;
 - b) prioritise infrastructure investments in areas that need it most;
 - c) establish a publicly-owned business bank to offer finance to small businesses at competitive rates; and
 - d) extend the small business rate relief scheme to cover all businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or less.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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10	0	40	50
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The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

In point 1, after UK insert "and Welsh"

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	35	50

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert at end of point 3:

and also recognises the need for a rebalancing of the Welsh economy away from a concentration of wealth along the south Wales (M4) corridor.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	35	50

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Acknowledges the economic stability arising from the UK Government's policies which are stimulating UK-wide economic growth.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	35	50

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete sub-point 5(d).

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	5	20	50

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new subpoint at the end of point 5:

Produce a clear export strategy for Wales to match private sector ingenuity with public sector support.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

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 6 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add new point at end of motion

Calls on the Welsh Government to adopt the Welsh Conservative proposals which include replacing Finance Wales with Invest Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	40	50

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets the decline in Wales's GVA under fifteen years of Labour Government in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	35	50

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) focus on realising and building on Wales's economic potential;
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c) establish a publicly-owned business bank to offer finance to small businesses at competitive rates.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	15	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.19

9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.24.

NDM5612 Mike Hedges (Swansea East)

Improving the lives of older people

5 simple and cheap ways of making the lives of the older people better.

The meeting concluded at 17.47

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 11 November 2014