

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 12 November 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(229)v3

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business

The item started at 13.30

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 14.17

All 15 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

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

The item started at 15.02

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.38

Voting on the motion was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM5614 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls upon the Welsh Government to establish an Armed Forces Commissioner.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	34	44

The motion was not agreed.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16.18

Voting on the motion without amendment under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment :

NDM5616 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Wales's rich wealth of natural resources.
2. Notes the important role water has in the current and future economic, social and environmental sustainability of Wales.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider ways to capitalise on the potential that water can bring to the Welsh economy.
4. Calls for the National Assembly to engage at a national and international level to ensure the importance of water resources to communities is identified and work

towards including labelling information on the water footprint of products and services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	12	44

The motion without amendment was agreed.

6 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

The item started at 17.17

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5615 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the current forecasts that the concession agreement for the Severn Bridges will come to an end in 2018 and that early discussions need to take place as to the future ownership, maintenance and tolling system for the bridges.
2. Believes that the current tolling system is an unfair burden on businesses, commuters and the public.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely with the UK Government on planning for the future of the bridges.
4. Calls on the UK Government to abolish the tolls on the Severn Bridges once the existing construction and repair costs are paid off.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	0	39	44

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 4 and replace with

4. Calls for responsibility for setting tolls on the Severn crossings, following the concession, to be transferred to the Welsh Government.

5. Calls on the next Welsh Government to reduce the tolls on the Severn Bridges to reflect maintenance costs only, and for the longer term option of abolishing the tolls to be kept under review.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	5	44

Amendment 1 was agreed

As Amendment 1 was agreed Amendments 2 and 3 were de-selected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	5	44

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Voting Time

The item started at 18.02

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.04

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 18 November 2014