

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 24 February 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(248)

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 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.15

3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Introduction of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill

The item started at 14.34

4 Statement by Minister for Finance and Government Business: Landfill Disposals Tax

The item started at 15.21

5 Order of consideration of amendments for the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.59

NDM5697 Leighton Andrews (Rhondda)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.36:

Agrees to dispose of sections and schedules to the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill at Stage 3 in the following order:

a) sections 2 – 25

b) section 1

c) Long title

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on The Police Settlement 2015–16

The item started at 16.00

NDM5699 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2015–16 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on The Estyn Annual Report 2013–14

The item started at 16.31

NDM5698 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the annual report for 2013–14 of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Applauds the stronger aspects of Welsh education, but regrets that overall standards are still weak and that:

a) schools with strong leadership need to share best practice with weaker schools to boost standards; and that

b) the Welsh Government needs to improve both access to, and provision of, continuing professional development for both new and experienced teachers.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets the state of pupil referral units in Wales, all of which, barring two, need improvement.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets Estyn's finding that standards in primary schools declined this year, with the proportion of primary schools with good or excellent standards falling from seven in ten to just over six in ten.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets Estyn's finding that pupils struggle to use numeracy skills appropriately across the curriculum in around half of schools.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government needs to build the capacity of the education workforce for effective implementation of key policies such as the Literacy and Numeracy Framework, the Foundation Phase and the new National Curriculum.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Believes that teachers in all parts of Wales should have access to best practice.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

NDM5698 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the annual report for 2013–14 of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales.
2. Applauds the stronger aspects of Welsh education, but regrets that overall standards are still weak and that:
 - a) schools with strong leadership need to share best practice with weaker schools to boost standards; and that
 - b) the Welsh Government needs to improve both access to, and provision of, continuing professional development for both new and experienced teachers.
3. Regrets the state of pupil referral units in Wales, all of which, barring two, need improvement.
4. Regrets Estyn's finding that standards in primary schools declined this year, with the proportion of primary schools with good or excellent standards falling from seven in ten to just over six in ten.
5. Regrets Estyn's finding that pupils struggle to use numeracy skills appropriately across the curriculum in around half of schools.
6. Believes that the Welsh Government needs to build the capacity of the education workforce for effective implementation of key policies such as the Literacy and Numeracy Framework, the Foundation Phase and the new National Curriculum.
7. Believes that teachers in all parts of Wales should have access to best practice.

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

8 Voting Time

There was no voting time

The meeting concluded at 17.18

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 25 February 2015