

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 25 February 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(249)

1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources

The item started at 13.30

The first 11 questions were asked. Question 2 and 4 were grouped together for answer. Questions 1, 2, 4 and 8 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

The item started at 14.15

The first 10 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 announcement by 2 Sisters Food Group Ltd

The item started at 15.00

4 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on its inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales

The item started at 15.17

NDM5700 David Rees (Aberafan)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report by the Health and Social Care Committee into access to medical technologies in Wales, which was laid in the Table Office on 17 December 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.59

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5701 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to take urgent action to ensure that Welsh NHS targets are met.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	10	49

The motion without amendment was agreed.

6 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

The item started at 16.54

Due to a technical fault with the microphone system proceedings were suspended at 17.18. The bell was rung before reconvening at 17.30.

NDM5702 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

1. Notes that:

- a) the Office for National Statistics estimates that one in four British adults will experience a mental health problem within any given year;
- b) the World Health Organisation estimates that 20% of the 'burden of disease' in the UK is represented by mental illness but that mental health accounts for just 11% of NHS spending;
- c) mental health problems can interact with other conditions to further worsen a person's wellbeing;
- d) according to the UK Chief Medical Officer, three-quarters of adult mental disorders are in evidence by the age of 21, but three-quarters of children and young people with these disorders are not diagnosed or treated;
- e) Stats Wales showed young people under the age of 18 accounted for 85% of the population waiting more than 18 weeks in December 2014 between referral and receiving first treatment for mental health problems;
- f) research by Mind found that 1 in 3 workers in the UK wouldn't be able to talk openly with their line managers about stress.

2. Welcomes the excellent work of the third sector in raising awareness for mental health wellbeing.

3. Believes more must be done to support people to look after their own mental health.

4. Believes there must be a parity of emphasis between mental and physical health.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) carry out a study to determine what additional funding and resources are required for mental health provision in Wales in order to ensure parity of emphasis between mental and physical health services;
- b) expand liaison psychiatry in the NHS to provide mental healthcare support for people being treated with physical health problems;
- c) offer mental health support training and advice to all those who work closely with children;

d) ensure all new student teachers receive basic mental health support training as part of the qualified teacher status;

e) ensure that employers make workplaces a mental health friendly environment.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Voting time

The item started at 17.49

8 Short Debate

The item started at 17.51

NDM5703 Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central)

Know Your Prostate!

Prostate Cancer in Wales – the hidden Killer.

The meeting concluded at 18.11

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 March 2015