

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(254)

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. Elin Jones stood in for the Leader of Plaid Cymru.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.18

3 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Update on Access to Finance

The item started at 14.28

4 The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2015

The item started at 14.53

NDM5724 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 Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 24 February 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 The Environmental Permitting (Amendment) Regulations 2015

The item started at 15.04

NDM5723 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 Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 23 February 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion on the Small Business Enterprise and Employment Bill (Memorandum No. 4): Amendment to the Employment Rights Act 1996 in relation to the protection of whistle-blowers in the NHS

The item started at 15.06

NDM5722 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, relating to prohibiting a NHS employer from discriminating against an applicant who has previously whistle-blown and which provide remedies, including the award of compensation, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Stage 4 debate on the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.21

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

NDM5725 Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	11	49

The motion was agreed.

8 Debate on The Care and Social Service Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) Annual Report 2013 – 2014

The item started at 15.46

NDM5720 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) annual report for 2013–14.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the recruitment challenges facing the care sector and calls upon the Welsh Government to work with the sector and take action to address these challenges.

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:

Expresses concern regarding the variability of the performance of local authority social service departments across Wales.

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:

Notes the importance of service user feedback in helping to improve standards of social care services.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that CSSIW examines how care homes work with local health boards to prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital.

Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5720 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) annual report for 2013–14.
2. Notes the recruitment challenges facing the care sector and calls upon the Welsh Government to work with the sector and take action to address these challenges.
3. Expresses concern regarding the variability of the performance of local authority social service departments across Wales.
4. Notes the importance of service user feedback in helping to improve standards of social care services.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that CSSIW examines how care homes work with local health boards to prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital.

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

9 Debate on Equal Pay

The item started at 16.26

NDM5721 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the value of promoting Equal Pay as a key priority for achieving gender equality and notes the Welsh Government's progress to date in addressing the causes of gender pay inequality.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes figures from the Office of National Statistics in November 2014 showing that the gender pay gap in the UK is at its lowest ever level.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that the latest figures from the ONS show that the full-time pay gap between men and women is at its narrowest since comparative records began in 1997.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government Equalities Minister's work to ensure that firms with more than 250 employees will be required to publish the average pay for male and female workers, or face a fine of up to £5,000.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5721 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the value of promoting Equal Pay as a key priority for achieving gender equality and notes the Welsh Government's progress to date in addressing the causes of gender pay inequality.

2. Welcomes figures from the Office of National Statistics in November 2014 showing that the gender pay gap in the UK is at its lowest ever level.

3. Welcomes that the latest figures from the ONS show that the full-time pay gap between men and women is at its narrowest since comparative records began in 1997.

4. Welcomes the UK Government Equalities Minister's work to ensure that firms with more than 250 employees will be required to publish the average pay for male and female workers, or face a fine of up to £5,000.

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

10 Voting Time

The item started at 17.07

The meeting concluded at 17.08

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 18 March 2015