

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 10 June 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru
National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(271)

1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 13.30

The first 5 questions were asked. Question 2 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

The item started at 14.16

The first 15 questions were asked. Question 7 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism. Question 9 was transferred for written answer by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

3 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.03

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5780 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Welsh Conservative plans to give council taxpayers improved understanding of how their council tax is spent.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with councils to improve the accountability of council tax spend.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to improve transparency in local government spend across Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	38	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that council tax represents only about 14 per cent of councils' expenditure in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	10	0	48

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to produce an equitable local taxation system that is fair, affordable and which reduces the burden on those least able to pay.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	10	0	48

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5780 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Welsh Conservative plans to give council taxpayers improved understanding of how their council tax is spent.
2. Notes that council tax represents only about 14 per cent of councils' expenditure in Wales.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with councils to improve the accountability of council tax spend.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to improve transparency in local government spend across Wales.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to produce an equitable local taxation system that is fair, affordable and which reduces the burden on those least able to pay.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
0	10	38	48

The motion as amended was not agreed.

4 Plaid Cymru 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:

NDM5781 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to take effective action to promote women's full economic participation.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	0	15	48

The motion without amendment was agreed.

5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

The item started at 16.46

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5779 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the current system for ensuring the quality and safety of healthcare services is not fit for purpose and that Healthcare Inspectorate Wales does not fulfil the need for independent inspection of the health system in Wales.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a more robust quality assurance system that includes:

a) scrapping Health Inspectorate Wales and establishing a new inspectorate that is fully independent of the Welsh Government;

b) appointing a chief inspector for hospitals and healthcare;

c) introducing clinically-led and peer-reviewed inspections with significant patient input;

d) supporting staff and patients to use mechanisms for whistleblowing by encouraging a stronger culture of openness and transparency; and

e) reforming the complaints procedure to ensure greater independence and restore the trust of patients and their families.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
6	0	42	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert new sub-point at end of point 2:

f) considering a full merger of health and social care inspectorates.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to increase transparency in the inspection and regulation of healthcare providers in Wales by commissioning a full and independent inquiry into the Welsh NHS.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	9	29	48

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5779 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the current system for ensuring the quality and safety of healthcare services is not fit for purpose and that Healthcare Inspectorate Wales does not fulfil the need for independent inspection of the health system in Wales.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a more robust quality assurance system that includes:

a) scrapping Health Inspectorate Wales and establishing a new inspectorate that is fully independent of the Welsh Government;

b) appointing a chief inspector for hospitals and healthcare;

c) introducing clinically-led and peer-reviewed inspections with significant patient input;

d) supporting staff and patients to use mechanisms for whistleblowing by encouraging a stronger culture of openness and transparency; and

e) reforming the complaints procedure to ensure greater independence and restore the trust of patients and their families.

f) considering a full merger of health and social care inspectorates.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	25	49

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.

6 Voting time

The item started at 17.30

7 Short Debate

The item started at 17.34

NDM5782 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Gastroenterology – improving awareness and treatment in Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.00

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 16 June 2015