

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 6 July 2011

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(12)

1. Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The first 10 questions were asked. Questions 3 and 6 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services.

14.18

2. Questions to the Counsel General

All 7 questions were asked.

14.39

3. Questions to the Assembly Commission

All 11 questions were asked. Questions 1, 3 and 7 were grouped together for answer. Question 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10 were answered by Rhodri Glyn Thomas. Question 2 was answered by Angela Burns. Question 6 was answered by Peter Black. Question 9 was answered by Sandy Mewies. Questions 8 and 11 were withdrawn.

15.05

4. Motion under section 17(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 in relation to the disqualification of Aled Roberts

NDM4724 Peter Black (South Wales West)

The National Assembly for Wales, acting under section 17(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006:

1. Notes that Aled Roberts, when returned at the poll held on the 5 May 2011 as an Assembly member for the North Wales electoral region, was, by reason of the fact that he was a member of the Valuation Tribunal for Wales, disqualified from being an Assembly member under section 16(1) of the Act and Article 2 of the National Assembly for Wales (Disqualification) Order 2010;

2. Further notes that the ground of disqualification has now been removed;
3. Agrees that it is proper that the Assembly should exercise its powers under section 17(3); and
4. Therefore resolves that the disqualification of Aled Roberts from being an Assembly member, set out in paragraph 1, be disregarded.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	3	20	53

The motion was agreed.

5. Motion under section 17(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 in relation to the disqualification of John Dixon - WITHDRAWN

15.54

6. Welsh Conservatives Debate

NDM4778 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to unleash the full potential of the Big Welsh Society, recognising that the State and Society are different and that we need both.

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until voting time.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	42	54

The motion was not agreed.

17.06

7. Welsh Conservatives Debate

NDM4779 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) Ensure the planning system gives communities a stake in economic and social development;
- b) Safeguard public services in partnership with rural local authorities;
- c) Secure the future of family farms; and

d) Give communities the opportunity to manage community assets.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Insert at end of sub point c):

‘and improve the success of family farming by reforming Glastir and reforming planning restrictions on farmers wishing to convert disused buildings on their land into commercial facilities.’

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new sub points at end of motion:

Empower communities by introducing a Community Bill of Rights

Protect local communities by supporting local businesses and requiring an impact assessment of out of town retail developments during the planning process

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls on the Welsh Government to recognise the importance of CAP subsidy payments to family farms in Wales as well as the wider rural economy, and in doing so continue the approach of the previous Welsh government by making strong representations to the UK government to reverse its call for “a very substantial cut to the CAP Budget during the next Financial Framework”.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4779 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) Ensure the planning system gives communities a stake in economic and social development;
- b) Safeguard public services in partnership with rural local authorities;
- c) Secure the future of family farms; and
- d) Give communities the opportunity to manage community assets.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	11	54

The motion without amendment was agreed.

17.52

8. Plaid Cymru Debate

NDM4777 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to engage with the UK Government to ensure that responsibility for making decisions on energy projects in Wales of more than 50 megawatts and any associated infrastructure is devolved to the Welsh Government.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to continue making the case to the UK Government for devolving power over energy projects up to 100MW; and
2. Regrets the confusion left by the First Minister's Written Statement of 17 June and believes that only a thorough public review of Technical Advice Note (TAN) 8: Renewable Energy (2005) can bring assurances to local authorities and confidence back to the renewable energy sector.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls on the Welsh Government to publish all evidence and reports it has produced with regard to the devolution of energy projects of more than 50MW.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4777 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to engage with the UK Government to ensure that responsibility for making decisions on energy projects in Wales of more than 50 megawatts and any associated infrastructure is devolved to the Welsh Government.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	12	55

The motion without amendment was agreed.

18.40

Voting Time

The meeting concluded at 18.42.

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 12 July 2011