

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 November 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources

The item started at 13.30

The first 13 questions were asked. Question 1, 2, 3 and 7 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food. The Deputy 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 14.17

The first 12 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: Steel Industry Meetings

The item started at 15.04

4 Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2016/17

The item started at 15.31

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

NDM5868 David Melding (South Wales Central)



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Wales

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.16:

Agrees the budget of the Assembly Commission for 2016–17, as specified in table 1 of the 'National Assembly for Wales Assembly Commission Budget 2016–17', laid before the Assembly on 4 November 2015 and that it be incorporated in the Annual Budget Motion under Standing Order 20.26 (ii).

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	4	47

The motion was agreed.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16.08

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5869 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Values the significant contribution which older people make to social and economic life in Wales;
2. Rejects all forms of ageism towards older people in Wales;
3. Regrets that older people who wish to return to the workforce in Wales are not able to access the same level of support as younger people;
4. Regrets that a lack of access to public transport can inhibit the ability of older people to access social and economic opportunities; and
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to review the support available for older people to maximise opportunities for them to contribute to social and economic life in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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10	0	37	47
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The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets that the number of people aged 50 and over who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) is estimated to be three times as many as those under 25 and calls on the Welsh Government to design and implement a specific programme to improve the skills and employability prospects of people over 50 who are NEET.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises that younger workers and older workers who wish to return to the workforce have different employment support needs and that employment programmes should be designed accordingly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	0	14	47

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point 5 and re-number accordingly:

Regrets that cuts to local authority budgets may reduce the level of services available to help older people live independently.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	47

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5869 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Values the significant contribution which older people make to social and economic life in Wales;
2. Rejects all forms of ageism towards older people in Wales;
3. Recognises that younger workers and older workers who wish to return to the workforce have different employment support needs and that employment programmes should be designed accordingly.
4. Regrets that a lack of access to public transport can inhibit the ability of older people to access social and economic opportunities; and
5. Regrets that cuts to local authority budgets may reduce the level of services available to help older people live independently.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to review the support available for older people to maximise opportunities for them to contribute to social and economic life in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	47

The motion as amended was agreed.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 17.05

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5871 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Remembers and honours those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom;
2. Pays tribute to those who have served in the Armed Forces and notes the moral obligation owed to them by people across Wales;
3. Believes that the establishment of an Armed Forces Commissioner for Wales would provide improved services and outcomes for the Armed Forces community;
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) establish a veterans' card, offering a series of benefits for service personnel and veterans in recognition of their service;
 - b) implement a veterans needs assessment as a basis for service delivery; and
 - c) protect veterans injured before April 2005 by ensuring that their War Disablement Pension is not taken from them when they access social care.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	37	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

3. Welcomes the fact that all local authorities in Wales have appointed Armed Forces Community Covenant Champions;
4. Welcomes the success of the Defence Privilege Card in Wales;

5. Welcomes the Welsh Government's commitment to the package of support for the Armed Forces.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	9	14	47

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 1 was agreed, therefore amendments 2 and 3 were de-selected

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes schemes such as Change Step, which offer peer mentoring and advice for veterans and their families, and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that there is sufficient funding for mental health services for veterans to sustain these vital services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5871 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Remembers and honours those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom;
2. Pays tribute to those who have served in the Armed Forces and notes the moral obligation owed to them by people across Wales;
3. Welcomes the fact that all local authorities in Wales have appointed Armed Forces Community Covenant Champions;

4. Welcomes the success of the Defence Privilege Card in Wales;

5. Welcomes the Welsh Government's commitment to the package of support for the Armed Forces.

6. Welcomes schemes such as Change Step, which offer peer mentoring and advice for veterans and their families, and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that there is sufficient funding for mental health services for veterans to sustain these vital services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	9	10	46

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 17.57

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5870 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that childcare costs in Wales are amongst the most expensive in the developed world;

2. Notes that families in Wales receive less free childcare than their counterparts in England and Scotland;

3. Recognises the importance of early education to raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils;

4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to provide a consistent amount of free childcare and early education throughout Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	0	28	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the funding secured in the 2014 budget deal between the Welsh Liberal Democrats and the Welsh Government for £0.4 million over two years to implement a feasibility study and pilot childcare scheme for students in further education.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	10	9	47

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5870 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that childcare costs in Wales are amongst the most expensive in the developed world;
2. Notes that families in Wales receive less free childcare than their counterparts in England and Scotland;
3. Recognises the importance of early education to raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils;
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to provide a consistent amount of free childcare and early education throughout Wales.
5. Welcomes the funding secured in the 2014 budget deal between the Welsh Liberal Democrats and the Welsh Government for £0.4 million over two years to implement a feasibility study and pilot childcare scheme for students in further education.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	19	24	47

The motion as amended was not agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.39

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.49

NDM5867 Altaf Hussain (South Wales West)

Hospital-acquired infections: The challenges and solutions

The meeting concluded at 19.13

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 November 2015