

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 2 March 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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Presiding Officer Statement

The Presiding Officer welcomed the Speaker of the Icelandic Parliament, the oldest Parliament in the world, and a delegation of Parliamentarians who were in the Public Gallery today.

1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 13.30

The first 7 questions were answered by the Deputy Minister for Health. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 14.19

Questions 2–7 were asked. Question 1 was not asked. Question 12 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology after Question 2.

3 Debate on the Petition Committee's report on its review of Public Petitions

The item started at 15.06

NDM5981 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)



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National
Assembly for
Wales

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee on the 'Review of Public Petitions Arrangements', which was laid in the Table Office on 2 February 2016.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.39

The Deputy Presiding Officer suspended proceedings at 15.53 due to a power failure affecting the Siambr. The bell was rung 5 minutes before reconvening at 16.14.

Proceedings were suspended for a second time at 16.23 for 30 mins due to a second power failure. The bell was rung 5 minutes before reconvening at 16.55.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5983 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that a number of hospitals in Wales have been closed or subject to a loss of services in recent years; and
2. Calls on the future Welsh Government to guarantee that there will be no hospital closures during the fifth Assembly.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	31	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion.

Believes that the next Welsh Government should instigate and deliver a plan for a substantial increase in the number of doctors so that services can be delivered locally.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	23	45

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the 2014 Mid Wales Healthcare Study which called for a 'reinvigoration of community hospital and community based services' and calls for the next Welsh Government to provide more health services in communities across Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5983 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that a number of hospitals in Wales have been closed or subject to a loss of services in recent years; and
2. Calls on the future Welsh Government to guarantee that there will be no hospital closures during the fifth Assembly.
3. Notes the 2014 Mid Wales Healthcare Study which called for a 'reinvigoration of community hospital and community based services' and calls for the next Welsh Government to provide more health services in communities across Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion as amended. Therefore, the motion as amended was not agreed.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 17.35

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5984 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

1. Regrets that Wales has one of the lowest survival rates for cancer in the UK and EU;
2. Notes waiting times for diagnostic tests are unacceptably high and considerably higher than England and Scotland;
3. Regrets the inequality of access to cancer drugs and treatments for patients across Wales; and
4. Calls on the next Welsh Government to:
 - a) substantially improve performance on diagnostic waiting times, so that 95 per cent of people suspected of having cancer by a GP can receive a diagnosis or the all clear within 28 days of referral for testing;
 - b) introduce a new treatments fund to ensure a national approach to access to treatments to ensure access to treatments based on clinical need not where a patient lives or whether they meet exceptionality criteria; and
 - c) ensure all cancer patients have access to a key worker, with the regular collection and publication of data to demonstrate performance against this target.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	38	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert at end of point 3:

'and between Wales and other parts of the UK.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

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.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

In point 4b), replace 'introduce a new treatments fund' with 'extend the health technologies fund to new medicines'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	0	42	46

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales):

Insert as new sub-point at end of point 4:

'develop an all-Wales individual patient funding requests panel to avoid the existing postcode lotteries for cancer treatments in Wales.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	34	46

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert as new sub-point at end of point 4:

'establish a national mobile cancer treatment service to prevent long round trip journeys for patients accessing clinics and chemotherapy treatment'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert as new sub-point at end of point 4:

'establish an annual public education campaign to raise awareness of the causes and symptoms of cancer'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert as new sub-point at end of point 4:

'provide a follow-up appointment guarantee so that all patients are seen within a maximum of six months of the conclusion of their initial cancer treatment episode, and further calls for data to be collected and published regularly to monitor performance against the guarantee.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	8	23	46

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Insert as new sub-point at end of point 4:

'appoint a cancer patient's champion to hold the Welsh Government and local health boards to account for the delivery of national and local cancer delivery plans.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	31	46

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5984 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

1. Regrets that Wales has one of the lowest survival rates for cancer in the UK and EU;
2. Notes waiting times for diagnostic tests are unacceptably high and considerably higher than England and Scotland;
3. Regrets the inequality of access to cancer drugs and treatments for patients across Wales; and
4. Calls on the next Welsh Government to:
 - a) substantially improve performance on diagnostic waiting times, so that 95 per cent of people suspected of having cancer by a GP can receive a diagnosis or the all clear within 28 days of referral for testing;
 - b) introduce a new treatments fund to ensure a national approach to access to treatments to ensure access to treatments based on clinical need not where a patient lives or whether they meet exceptional criteria; and
 - c) ensure all cancer patients have access to a key worker, with the regular collection and publication of data to demonstrate performance against this target.
 - d) establish a national mobile cancer treatment service to prevent long round trip journeys for patients accessing clinics and chemotherapy treatment.
 - e) establish an annual public education campaign to raise awareness of the causes and symptoms of cancer.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion as amended. Therefore, the motion as amended was not agreed.

6 Voting Time

The item started at 18.25

7 Short Debate

The item started at 18.30

NDM5982 Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)

Good food for all: Achieving the Food For Life catering mark in Welsh schools

The meeting concluded at 18.52

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.00, Tuesday, 8 March 2016