

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 27 September 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 6 and 8 – 10 were asked. Question 7 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.19

3 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education: The Diamond Review of Higher Education and Student Finance in Wales

The item started at 14.29



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4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport: Establishment of the New Treatment Fund and the Independent Review of the Individual Patient Funding Request Process

The item started at 15.35

5 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure: The Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games Homecoming 2016

The item started at 16.08

6 Legislative Consent Motion on the Policing and Crime Bill

The item started at 16.41

NDM6098 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that the provisions in the Policing and Crime Bill, which amend the Mental Health Act 1983 and the Sexual Offences Act 2003, 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 Debate: The Draft BBC Charter

The item started at 16.46

NDM6097 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the publication by the UK Government of the draft BBC Royal Charter and draft BBC Framework Agreement.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the positive references to S4C in the Draft BBC Framework Agreement and in particular the reference to the shared aim of S4C and the BBC working together to observe and safeguard each other's independence.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK Government to ensure that the forthcoming review of S4C's remit and funding, due to take place in 2017, considers the level, and most appropriate way, of funding S4C in the long term to safeguard its independence and to ensure it is able to deliver high quality programmes for Welsh audiences for years to come.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern the budget consequences of the new 'cash-flat' licence fee agreement for BBC Wales.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the BBC to ensure resources are allocated to honour the commitments made in the Draft BBC Royal Charter to audiences in Wales, including:

(a) that the BBC reflects and represents the diverse communities of the UK, and that it raises awareness of the different cultures and alternative viewpoints that make up its society;

(b) that the BBC must support the regional and minority languages of the UK, and to continue to support the provision of output in the Welsh language; and

(c) that the diverse perspectives and interests of the public and audiences across the UK are taken into account in the BBC's decision-making.

Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 5. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK Government to ensure that any future regulator of the BBC is also accountable to the National Assembly for Wales.

Amendment 5 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6097 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the publication by the UK Government of the draft BBC Royal Charter and draft BBC Framework Agreement.
2. Notes the positive references to S4C in the Draft BBC Framework Agreement and in particular the reference to the shared aim of S4C and the BBC working together to observe and safeguard each other's independence.
3. Calls on the UK Government to ensure that the forthcoming review of S4C's remit and funding, due to take place in 2017, considers the level, and most appropriate way, of funding S4C in the long term to safeguard its independence and to ensure it is able to deliver high quality programmes for Welsh audiences for years to come.
4. Notes with concern the budget consequences of the new 'cash-flat' licence fee agreement for BBC Wales.
5. Calls on the BBC to ensure resources are allocated to honour the commitments made in the Draft BBC Royal Charter to audiences in Wales, including:
 - (a) that the BBC reflects and represents the diverse communities of the UK, and that it raises awareness of the different cultures and alternative viewpoints that make up its society;

(b) that the BBC must support the regional and minority languages of the UK, and to continue to support the provision of output in the Welsh language; and

(c) that the diverse perspectives and interests of the public and audiences across the UK are taken into account in the BBC's decision-making.

6. Calls on the UK Government to ensure that any future regulator of the BBC is also accountable to the National Assembly for Wales.

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

8 Voting Time

There was no voting time.

The meeting concluded at 17.37

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 28 September 2016