

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 20 September 2011

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(15)

1. Tribute to Gleision Miners

13.31

2. Statement by the First Minister: Gleision Mine

14.04

3. Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2. Question 5 and question 10 were grouped together for answer.

15.07

4. Business Statement and Announcement

15.26

5. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services: Pembrokeshire County Council

6. Motion to approve The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2011 - Postponed

16.13

7. Debate on Maternity Services

NDM4796 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Welsh Government's approach to improving maternity services in Wales; and

2. Notes that the Welsh Government believes that:

- a) maternity services across Wales, should be organised to meet the needs of women and their babies;
- b) everything possible should be done to protect and improve the health and well being of mothers and their babies; and
- c) pregnancy and childbirth should be a safe, fulfilling life enhancing experience.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Recognises the Welsh Government's responsibility for improving maternity services in Wales: and"

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 1 was agreed.

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new subpoint at end of point 2:

A reduction in accessibility to consultant led Maternity Services would lead to increased risk for mothers and babies.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

3. William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the significant public concern over the future of maternity services in North Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 3 was agreed.

4. William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to guarantee the provision of consultant-led maternity services at district general hospitals in North Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

5. William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the importance of timely access to emergency maternity services in rural areas.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 5 was agreed.

6. William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the importance of maternity services provided to Welsh patients by hospitals in England.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 6 was agreed.

7. William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to maintain places for midwifery training in Wales, so as to provide a sustainable level of professional development for those working within Welsh NHS maternity services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 7 was agreed.

8. Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add new point at the end of motion:

Notes that the Welsh Government has not brought forward a final delivery plan on maternity services for debate and calls on it to bring forward, for debate, a final plan

on how it will implement its vision for maternity services, including clear aims and measurable outcomes.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

Amendment 8 was not agreed.

9. Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add new point at the end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) Outline the ways it intends to hold Local Health Boards to account and measures it will take to ensure the LHBs hit maternity targets in the future; and
- b) Work with LHBs in the recruitment and retention of medical staff so that all LHBs:
 - (i) meet the Birthrate plus standard for midwifery staffing;
 - (ii) meet RCN recommended staffing levels for gynaecological nursing; and
 - (iii) have a maternity service that meets the national quality standards at all times.

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

Amendment 9 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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2. Notes that the Welsh Government believes that:
 - a) maternity services across Wales, should be organised to meet the needs of women and their babies;
 - b) everything possible should be done to protect and improve the health and well being of mothers and their babies; and
 - c) pregnancy and childbirth should be a safe, fulfilling life enhancing experience.
3. Acknowledges the significant public concern over the future of maternity services in North Wales.
4. Recognises the importance of timely access to emergency maternity services in rural areas.
5. Recognises the importance of maternity services provided to Welsh patients by hospitals in England.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to maintain places for midwifery training in Wales, so as to provide a sustainable level of professional development for those working within Welsh NHS maternity services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	11	0	55

The motion as amended was agreed.

17.19

Voting Time

The meeting concluded at 17.23

The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Wednesday, 21 September 2011