

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 May 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance

The item started at 13.30

The first 7 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 6 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

2 Questions to the Leader of the House

The item started at 14.26

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 3 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Leader of the House after question 3.

3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 15.12

Both questions were asked.

4 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.21

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport:



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[Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement following confirmation that the Welsh Government welcomed proposals to rename the second Severn Crossing the Prince of Wales Bridge?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services:

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the GP indemnity scheme for Wales, following its announcement on Monday?

5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.31

Jane Hutt made a statement on the Vale of Glamorgan Festival of Music.

Dai Lloyd made a statement on Coeliac Awareness Week.

6 Debate on the Assembly's Dignity and Respect Policy

The item started at 15.34

In accordance with Standing Order 11.15(ii), voting on the motion under this item was taken at Voting Time.

NDM6724 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Approves the National Assembly for Wales's Dignity and Respect Policy.
2. Notes the guidance of the National Assembly for Wales's Dignity and Respect Policy.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	2	0	54

The motion was agreed.

7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – An electric vehicle charging planning Bill

The item started at 16.13

NDM6720 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the proposal for an electric vehicle charging planning Bill.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) introduce planning guidelines for new developments, whether they are public buildings or housing;
 - b) ensure that new buildings must include charging points for electric vehicles;
 - c) make it easier for people to use electric vehicles in order to reduce carbon emissions.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Bowel cancer

The item started at 16.42

NDM6682

[Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

[Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#)

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

[Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#)

[Mandy Jones \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes Bowel Cancer UK and Beating Bowel Cancer's recent report highlighting early diagnosis and its ambition to improve survival rates for people affected by bowel cancer.
2. Recognises the brave contribution of bowel cancer patients in Wales to raising awareness of the disease and of the healthcare professionals to improving outcomes in the face of increasing demand for diagnosis, within the constraints of the existing service.

3. Recognises bowel cancer as the second biggest cancer killer in Wales, the effect early diagnosis has on survival rates and the importance of encouraging the public to take up their bowel screening opportunities as uptake rates have fallen by 1 per cent in the last 12 months.

4. Welcomes the introduction of the simpler and more accurate faecal immunochemical test (FIT) in the bowel screening programme and its potential to improve bowel cancer survival rates.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to deliver a bowel screening programme that can reach its full potential and to address issues around the:

- a) proposed threshold of FIT to be introduced in 2019;
- b) challenges that exist within endoscopy and pathology services to ensure FIT can be introduced optimally;
- c) need to reduce the eligible screening age from 60 to 50.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Plaid Cymru debate – Child poverty

The item started at 17.28

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6723 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Notes the recent increase in child poverty.
- 2. Notes research for Save the Children Cymru which found that: “By age five around a third of children living in poverty (30–35 percent) were already falling behind across a range of cognitive outcomes (i.e. vocabulary, problem solving, dexterity and coordination) compared with a fifth of those from better-off families (20–21 per cent)”.
- 3. Believes that responsibility for the increase in child poverty and for tackling child poverty, resides with both the UK Government and Welsh Government.

4. Regrets that the Welsh Government has ended the Communities First programme without an evaluation of its effectiveness or a plan for its replacement.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure equal access to high quality early childhood education and care for all children in Wales with a specific focus on providing additional support to all children living in poverty, as recommended by Save the Children Cymru.
6. Further calls on the Welsh Government to take all steps within its powers to tackle child poverty as part of a new plan for eliminating child poverty that includes SMART targets rather than vague statements.
7. Believes that such a plan can only succeed with the administrative control of social security and that securing these powers should be a major strategic objective of the new plan.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	44	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that child poverty levels in Wales stand above the UK level with rates rising before the last recession.
2. Notes research for Save the Children Cymru which found that: "By age five around a third of children living in poverty (30–35 per cent) were already falling behind across a range of cognitive outcomes (i.e. vocabulary, problem solving, dexterity and coordination) compared with a fifth of those from better-off families (20–21 per cent)".
3. Recognises that although UK Government policy in reserved areas also applies in Wales, the Welsh Government has responsibility for promoting prosperity and tackling poverty programmes, including Communities First, in Wales since 1999.

4. Notes the importance of access to high-quality early childhood education and care for children in Wales and the need for targeted support for children living in poverty.
5. Further calls on the Welsh Government to take all steps within its powers to tackle child poverty as part of a new plan for eliminating child poverty that includes SMART targets rather than vague statements.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	37	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2. [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Believes that responsibility for tackling child poverty resides with both the UK Government and Welsh Government.
2. Notes with concern latest EHRC analysis which shows that UK Government tax and welfare reforms will push an extra 50,000 children into poverty by 2021 /22.
3. Welcomes the Welsh Government focus on employment as the best route out of poverty and the ambitious actions set out in the Economic Action Plan and Employability Plan.
4. Welcomes the continued investment in Flying Start, Families First, the Pupil Development Grant and the Healthy Child Wales Programme to ensure every child has the best start in life.
5. Believes that the welfare needs of all UK citizens should be equally met and that the devolution of welfare benefits does not support this principle.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	1	20	54

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6723 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

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1. Believes that responsibility for tackling child poverty resides with both the UK Government and Welsh Government.
2. Notes with concern latest EHRC analysis which shows that UK Government tax and welfare reforms will push an extra 50,000 children into poverty by 2021 /22.
3. Welcomes the Welsh Government focus on employment as the best route out of poverty and the ambitious actions set out in the Economic Action Plan and Employability Plan.
4. Welcomes the continued investment in Flying Start, Families First, the Pupil Development Grant and the Healthy Child Wales Programme to ensure every child has the best start in life.
5. Believes that the welfare needs of all UK citizens should be equally met and that the devolution of welfare benefits does not support this principle.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	20	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 18.18

11 Short Debate

The item started at 18.20

NDM6715 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

Rent stability – Why we need rent controls to ensure private renters get a fair deal.

The meeting concluded at 18.44

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 May 2018