

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 18 January 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(39)

1. Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House

All 13 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 6 were grouped together for answer.

2. Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science

Item started at 14.14

All 15 questions were asked. Questions 8 and 12 were grouped together for answer.

3. Welsh Conservatives Debate

Item started at 14.58

NDM4892 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of delivering an outstanding suite of programmes aimed specifically at early years to enable children to thrive both educationally and socially;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) address findings in the 2011 Evaluation of Flying Start that it is 'having least success in reaching socio-economically disadvantaged families'; and
 - b) review the current variability across the Foundation Phase, specifically relating to consistency and quality of training for practitioners.

The 2011 Evaluation of Flying Start can be found on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/aboutresearch/social/latestresearch/EvalFlyStart7-20/?lang=en>

The motion without amendment was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4. Plaid Cymru Debate

Item started at 16.03

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4893 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges the Welsh Government's responsibility for the Welsh NHS and its provision of over £5 billion to Local Health Boards to deliver health services;
2. Regrets the Local Health Boards' lack of transparency and accountability in decision-making and financial management to date.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	45	55

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Insert at end of point 1 'and calls on the Welsh government to demonstrate greater responsibility for the performance of LHBS'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

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 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 2.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	27	56

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to review and update its guidance to Local Health Boards on public involvement in the planning and delivery of NHS services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	29	56

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government's recent budget will result in real term cuts of 6.6% to the NHS budget.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	39	56

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4893 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges the Welsh Government's responsibility for the Welsh NHS and its provision of over £5 billion to Local Health Boards to deliver health services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	27	56

The motion as amended was agreed.

5. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

Item started at 17.02

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4894 Peter Black (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the £56.9 million funding from the UK Government for next generation broadband which will benefit all areas of Wales;
2. Welcomes the further funding for broadband in Cardiff announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to use this funding to tackle broadband 'not spots' as a matter of priority.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	0	51	56

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete points 1 and 2 and replace with new point 1:

Notes recent allocations of public funding for the provision of broadband.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	17	56

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As Amendment 1 was agreed, amendments 2 and 3 were deselected

Amendment 4 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 3.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	27	56

Amendment 4 was agreed.

As amendment 4 was agreed, amendment 5 was deselected

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to make a statement on its negotiations with BT Openworld for a Wales-wide roll-out of next generation broadband.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	29	56

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4894 Peter Black (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes recent allocations of public funding for the provision of broadband.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	12	56

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting commenced at 17.54

6. Short Debate

Item started at 18.00

NDM4891 Darren Millar (Clwyd West):

Older people have rights too

The meeting concluded at 18.25

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 24 January 2012