

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 1 February 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(43)

1. Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 13.30.

The first 10 questions were asked. Questions 4 and 5 were grouped together for answer. Questions 4, 5 and 8 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services.

2. Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14.17.

Questions 1 and 3 were asked. Question 2 was not asked.

3. Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 14.25.

All 7 questions were asked. Questions 1, 2 and 3 were answered by Sandy Mewies AM. Questions 4, 5, 6 and 7 were answered by Peter Black AM.

4. Debate seeking the Assembly's agreement to introduce a Member Proposed Bill on Park Homes (Peter Black)

The item started at 14.38.

NDM4879 Peter Black (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 26.91:

Agrees that Peter Black may introduce a Bill to give effect to the pre-ballot information tabled on 13 October 2011 under Standing Order 26.90.

The pre-ballot information can be accessed on the following link:

http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bill_ballots/bill_010.htm

The Motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.33.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4905 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that all Accident and Emergency departments will be adequately resourced, and that none will be downgraded or closed during the remainder of the Fourth Assembly.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	32	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete "all Accident and Emergency departments will be adequately resourced, and that none will be downgraded or closed" and replace with "Local Health Board Accident and Emergency department provision is clinically fit for purpose and meets the needs of the population"

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	26	54

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was deselected.

Amendment 3 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the crucial role that minor injuries units play in reducing pressure on Accident and Emergency departments.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that A and E departments can only function with appropriate staff and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that it is doing all it can to recruit and retain A & E clinical and nursing staff.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4905 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that Local Health Board Accident and Emergency department provision is clinically fit for purpose and meets the needs of the population during the remainder of the Fourth Assembly.

Notes the crucial role that minor injuries units play in reducing pressure on Accident and Emergency departments.

Recognises that A and E departments can only function with appropriate staff and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that it is doing all it can to recruit and retain A & E clinical and nursing staff.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	22	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

6. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16.31.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4906 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward measures to help tackle the stigmatisation of those dependent on the benefit system.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	45	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Delete 'dependent on the benefit system' and replace with 'people in receipt of welfare support'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	13	37	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Insert at end of Motion:

'and believes that one of the most effective ways of reducing this stigma is to help people back into work'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	37	54

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that worklessness and benefit dependency create ever bigger barriers for those who wish to escape a life on benefits and enter work.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	37	54

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Add new point at end of motion:

Agrees that the UK Government's welfare reform agenda will increase the stigmatisation of those dependent on the benefit system and as a non-devolved matter, the Welsh Government should not carry the financial burden of mitigating this.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	17	54

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4906 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward measures to help tackle the stigmatisation of those dependent on the benefit system.

Agrees that the UK Government's welfare reform agenda will increase the stigmatisation of those dependent on the benefit system and as a non-devolved matter, the Welsh Government should not carry the financial burden of mitigating this.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	17	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 17.25.

7. Short Debate postponed from 25 January 2012

The item started at 17.30.

NDM4898 Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):

Can Wales Pay Its Own Way?

8. Short Debate

The item started at 17.58.

NDM4904 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West):

A Land Value Tax for Wales?

The meeting concluded at 18.18.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 7 February 2012