

Second Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (253)

Date: Tuesday, 27th February 2007

Time: 2.00pm

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Item 1 - Questions to the First Minister

The first 11 questions were answered. Question 10 was not asked.

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3.00pm

Urgent Question: Alun Ffred Jones (Caernarfon): Will the Minister make a statement on job losses at the Aykroyd factory in Bala

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3.12pm

Urgent Question: Elin Jones (Ceredigion): Will the Minister make a statement on the closure of the Aeron Valley cheese factory.

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3.36pm

Item 2 - Business Statement

More than 10 Members objected to the business statement.

A vote was taken on the Business Statement:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 28 | 0 | 22 | 50 |

The business statement was adopted.

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3.50pm

Item 3 - Statement by Jane Hutt, Minister with responsibility for Equality of Opportunity: Response of the Welsh Assembly Government to the Equality of Opportunity Committee`s Review: Service Provision for Disabled Young People

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This item was not subject to debate and proceeded to a vote immediately

4.31pm

Item 4 - Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25

NDM3481 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 24.25:

1 a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office Members on 13 February 2007 on the draft The Commons (Severance of Rights) (Wales) Order 2007;and
b) Approves that The Commons (Severance of Rights) (Wales) Order 2007 are made in accordance with

- i) the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007; and
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 5 February 2007.

2 a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2007 on the draft The Colours in Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007; and
b) Approves that The Colours in Food (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007 are made in accordance with

- i) the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007; and
- ii)the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the motion:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 |

The motion was approved.

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The following 3 items were debated together but voted on separately

4.32pm

Item 5 - Motion to approve The Council Tax (Additional Provisions For Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007

NDM3482 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of Council Tax (Additional Provisions for Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 43 | 0 | 0 | 43 |

The principle of the regulations was agreed.

NDM3483 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2007 in relation to the draft Council Tax (Additional Provisions for Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007; and

2. Approves that the draft Council Tax (Additional Provisions for Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007 is made in accordance with:

a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007; and

b) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the Regulations:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 43 | 0 | 0 | 43 |

The Regulations were approved.

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Item 6 - Motion to approve The Council Tax (Administration And Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007

NDM3484 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 43 | 0 | 0 | 43 |

The principle of the regulations was agreed.

NDM3485 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2007 in relation to the draft The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007; and
2. Approves that the draft The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007 is made in accordance with:

- a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007; and
- b) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 5 February 2007.

A vote was taken on the Regulations:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 42 | 0 | 0 | 42 |

The Regulations were approved.

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Item 7 - Motion to approve The Council Tax (Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2007

NDM3486 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Council Tax (Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 42 | 0 | 0 | 42 |

The principle of the Order was agreed.

NDM3487 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2007 in relation to the draft The Council Tax (Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2007; and

2. Approves that the draft The Council Tax (Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2007 is made in accordance with:

a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007; and

b) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the Order:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 43 | 0 | 0 | 43 |

The Order was approved.

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4.36pm

Item 8 - Motion to approve The Approval of Code Of Practice (Private Retirement Housing) (Wales) Order 2007

NDM3488 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of Approval of Code of Practice (Private Retirement Housing) (Wales) Order 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 43 | 0 | 0 | 43 |

The principle of the Order was agreed.

NDM3489 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2007 in relation to the draft Approval of Code of Practice (Private Retirement Housing) (Wales) Order 2007; and

2. Approves that the draft Approval of Code of Practice (Private Retirement Housing) (Wales) Order 2007 is made in accordance with:

a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007; and

b) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 30 January 2007.

A vote was taken on the Order:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 43 | 0 | 0 | 43 |

The Order was approved.

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4.37pm

Item 9 - Motion to approve The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2007

NDM3490 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 6 February 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 44 | 0 | 0 | 44 |

The principle of the Regulations was agreed.

NDM3491 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2007 in relation to the draft The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2007; and

2. Approves that the draft The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2007 is made in accordance with:

a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2007; and

b) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2007.

A vote was taken on the Regulations:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 42 | 0 | 0 | 42 |

The Regulations were approved.

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4.40pm

Item 10 - Welsh Liberal Democrat nominated debate

NDM3492 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Assembly Government to:

a) Put funding plans in place to enable the recruitment of 500 additional Police Community Support Officers over the next four years;

b) Lobby the Home Office to fully refund police forces in Wales for any money spent on the aborted police merger process;

- c) Lobby the Westminster Government to apply the Barnett Formula to the funding it provides for police forces in Wales;
- d) Call on the Westminster Government to abandon plans for ID Cards and spend the money instead on paying for more police officers;
- e) Further develop restorative justice schemes; and
- f) Argue the case for the devolution of powers on policing and prisons to the National Assembly for Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Insert as new point 1 and renumber accordingly: ‘Expresses concern at the continuing growth of violent crime.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 11 | 9 | 27 | 47 |

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Delete point a) and replace with ‘Call on the Westminster Government to put funding plans in place to increase resources for community policing;’

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 34 | 9 | 3 | 46 |

Amendment 2 was agreed.

The following Amendment was deselected:

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):

Insert the words "protect current police officer numbers, and" after "to" in point a)

Amendment 4 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Delete point c) and renumber accordingly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 35 | 9 | 3 | 47 |

Amendment 4 was agreed.

The following Amendment was deselected:

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):

Delete point c) and replace with c) Recognise the need to review the funding formula of police forces.

Amendment 6 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Delete point d) and replace with: 'Call on the Westminster Government to abandon plans for ID cards and spend the money instead on community policing and prisons.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 7 | 0 | 40 | 47 |
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Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):

Add at end of point d) ", drug rehabilitation programmes and intervention programmes"

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 18 | 0 | 28 | 46 |

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

Amendment 8 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Delete point f) and replace with: 'Bring forward, after thorough consultation with Westminster, all affected bodies and the people of Wales, proposals for a mechanism that will ensure an effective Welsh voice on the delivery of police services in Wales.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 35 | 0 | 12 | 47 |

Amendment 8 was agreed.

Amendment 9 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new sub-point at end of motion: 'Call on the Westminster Government to fully fund new protective services.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 47 | 0 | 0 | 47 |

Amendment 9 was agreed.

NDM3492 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Assembly Government to:

- a) Call on the Westminster Government to put funding plans in place to increase resources for community policing;
- b) Lobby the Home Office to fully refund police forces in Wales for any money spent on the aborted police merger process;
- c) Call on the Westminster Government to abandon plans for ID Cards and spend the money instead on paying for more police officers;
- d) Further develop restorative justice schemes; and
- e) Bring forward, after thorough consultation with Westminster, all affected bodies and the people of Wales, proposals for a mechanism that will ensure an effective Welsh voice on the delivery of police services in Wales.
- f) Call on the Westminster Government to fully fund new protective services.

A vote was taken on the motion, as amended

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 19 | 0 | 28 | 47 |

The motion as amended was not agreed.

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The meeting concluded at 5.30pm

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on
Wednesday, 28th February 2007.**

Chamber Secretariat

Determinations

The Cattle Identification (Wales) Regulations 2007

? The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) and the Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007

? The Local Authority Adoption Service (Wales) Regulations 2007

? The Local Health Boards (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007

? The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007

? The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Wales) Regulations 2007

? The Contaminants in Food (Wales) Regulations 2007

? The Independent Schools (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2007

? The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007

? The Notification of Marketing of Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Wales) Regulations 2007