

Third Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (240)

Date: Tuesday, 25 January 2011

Time: 1.30pm

13.30

Item 1: Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were answered. Question 8 was not asked.

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14.25

Item 2: Business Statement and Announcement

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Item 3: Statement by the Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing: Water Policy - *This item was postponed*

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14.53

Item 4: Statement by the Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing: Climate Change Commission and Cancun Conference

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15.27

Item 5: Debate on Welsh Police Funding

NDM4637 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Notes the proposed future funding position for the police in Wales resulting from the UK Government's Spending Review; and
2. Notes the Police Authorities of Wales' assessment of the settlement and believes that this may have a significant impact on services.

A copy of the UK Government's written statement of 13 December 2010 regarding provisional allocations of grant to police authorities in England and Wales for 2011/12 is accessible via the following hyperlink:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/parliamentary-business/written-ministerial-statement/allocations-police-england-wales>

A copy of the Welsh Assembly Government's written statement of 13 December 2010 regarding the Provisional Police Settlement 2011-12 is accessible via the following hyperlink:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2010/101213police/?skip=1&lang=en>

A copy of the police service financial issues paper considered by the Police Authorities Wales Finance and Audit Committee on the 14 January 2011 was e-mailed to Assembly Members on 18 January 2011.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's Report 'Police Governance in Austerity' which concluded that 'until their abolition, police authorities should focus on setting an affordable direction for policing and probing costs and alternatives that offer better value for money for the public.'

Police Governance in Austerity can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://www.hmic.gov.uk/inspections/pages/policeauthorityinspections.aspx>

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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16.08

Item 6: Legislative Consent Motion in respect of the Energy Bill

NDM4634 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 26.4, agrees that provisions relating to the Coal Authority in Part 4 of the Energy Bill, as introduced into the House of Lords on 8th December 2010, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 14 January 2011 in accordance with Standing Order 26.2(i).

A copy of the Energy Bill can be found at:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/energyhl.html>

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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16.10

Item 7: Stage 1 debate on the Proposed Housing (Wales) Measure

NDM4635 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 23.24:

Agrees to the general principles of the Proposed Housing (Wales) Measure.

The Proposed Housing (Wales) Measure and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 22 November 2010;

The report of Legislation Committee No. 2 on the Proposed Housing (Wales) Measure was laid before the Assembly on 18 January 2011.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	10	0	49*

The motion was agreed.

**Bethan Jenkins vote on the Measure was not registered due to a technical fault.*

16.55

NDM4636 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Proposed Housing (Wales) Measure, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 23.80(ii), arising in consequence of the Measure.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	10	0	50

The motion was agreed.

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16.55

Voting Time

The meeting concluded at 16.57.

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 26 January 2011

Chamber Secretariat