

Third Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (257)

Date: Wednesday, 30 March 2011

Time: 13.30

13.30

Item 1: Questions to the Counsel General

The question was answered.

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Item 2: Questions to the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

The first 8 questions were answered. Question 2 was withdrawn.

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14.16

Item 3: Questions to the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning

The first 13 questions were answered. Question 5 was not asked. Question 9 and 10 were withdrawn. Question 13 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Children.

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Item 4: Debate on the Communities and Culture Committee's report 'Accessibility of Arts and Cultural Activities in Wales'

NDM4716 Sandy Mewies (Delyn)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Communities and Culture Committee: The accessibility of arts and cultural activities in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 3 February 2011.

Note: The response of the Minister for Heritage to the report which was laid in the Table Office on 23 March 2011.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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15.57

Item 5: Debate on the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee's inquiry 'Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment in Services Veterans'

NDM4717 Jonathan Morgan (Cardiff North)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee on its Inquiry into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for Service Veterans, which was laid in the Table Office on 9 February 2011.

Note: The response by the Minister for Health and Social Services to the report was laid on 23 March 2011.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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Item 6: Welsh Conservatives Debate

NDM4715 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes with great concern and disappointment that Welsh GVA is now only 74.3% of the UK average and 62.6% in West Wales and the Valleys.

Welcomes the announcements in the UK Government Budget Statement relating to support for businesses.

A copy of the Budget document can be found at:

<http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/2011budget.htm>

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	33	49

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete all and replace with

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1. Notes the need to increase Welsh GVA from the current levels of 74.3% of the UK average across Wales and 62.6% in West Wales and the Valleys.
2. Notes the importance of considering a broader range of indicators than GVA per head alone, to obtain a balanced picture of the Welsh economy.
3. Recognises the Welsh Assembly Government's plan to create a stronger, more sustainable economy through the implementation of Economic Renewal: A New Direction.

Further information on "Economic Renewal: A New Direction" can be accessed via the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandconomy/help/economicrenewal/?lang=en>

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	16	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that to create jobs and improve our economy we need to offer companies £2000 for staff training if they provide jobs to unemployed young people and set up an Innovation Programme to invest in the infrastructure a prosperous economy needs.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	11	34	50

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to establish Enterprise Zones in Wales, using consequential funding as the basis for this programme.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	34	50

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	16	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

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Voting Time
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Item 7: Short Debate

NDM4714 Sandy Mewies (Delyn):

Who Cares In Delyn?
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Item 8: Closing statement by the Presiding Officer

The meeting concluded at 18:07.

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Chamber Secretariat

From midnight on 31 March 2011 the National Assembly for Wales enters a period of dissolution. There will be no Assembly Business during this time. The Fourth Assembly will start after polling day on 05 May 2011. The Assembly must meet in Plenary in order to elect a Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer within seven working days immediately after the day of the poll.