

**Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (154)
Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 21st September 2005**

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

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2.00pm

Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services

The first 7 questions were answered. Questions 5, 12 & 15 were withdrawn.

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2.32pm

Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning & Countryside

The first 10 questions were answered. Question 7 was withdrawn.

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3.03pm

Motion to delegate functions under the Inquiries Act 2005 to the First Minister

NDM2562 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under section 62 (1) (b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, resolves to delegate all functions of the National Assembly contained in or under Inquiries Act 2005 to the Assembly First Minister, save those which by law cannot be so delegated.

Nothing in the motion will have the effect of reducing the pre-eminence of the authority of the full Assembly or of reducing the role of the Assembly Committees in the exercise of the above functions.

This delegation will be made in the knowledge that those functions will, as appropriate, be further

delegated to Portfolio Ministers and to staff.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 30; Total 59

The motion was not carried

The Presiding Officer used his casting vote to vote against the motion

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3.39pm

Motion to note the Report of the Committee on Better Governance for Wales White Paper

NDM2561

Dafydd Elis Thomas (Meirionnydd Nant Conwy)

Lorraine Barrett (Cardiff South and Penarth)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

David Melding (South Wales Central)

Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales notes the Report of the Committee on the Better Governance for Wales White Paper, which was laid in the Table Office on 13 September 2005.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 56; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 56

The motion was carried

5.00pm

The Business Minister moved a procedural motion, in accordance with Standing Order 6.21 to extend the meeting until 6.15pm. More than ten members expressed support.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 3; Total 54

The motion was carried

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5.01pm

Debate on the Sustainable Development Annual Report 2005

NDM2563 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Sustainable Development Annual Report 2005, tabled on 14th September 2005.

The following amendments have been tabled:

In accordance with the revised guidance on the Grouping, Selection and Refusal of Amendments, the Presiding Officer has determined the order in which they will be taken for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)

(2)

(3),(4) + (5)

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Regrets the failure of the Sustainable Development Annual Report 2005 to clearly demonstrate whether Wales is achieving a more sustainable way of living.

A vote was taken:

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 49

Amendment 1 was not carried

2. David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Assembly Government to strengthen its Sustainable Development Action Plan by withdrawing and redrafting its Technical Advice Note 8: Renewable Energy, in order to give greater emphasis to renewable sources of energy other than wind power.

A vote was taken:

For 8; Abstain 7; Against 34; Total 49

Amendment 2 was not carried

3. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that powers to increase sustainable development through building regulations are not devolved to Wales.

A vote was taken:

For 12; Abstain 0; Against 37; Total 49

Amendment 3 was not carried

4. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Assembly Government to provide an indicator for Sustainable Development similar to how GDP is used to measure economic performance.

A vote was taken:

For 5; Abstain 7; Against 37; Total 49

Amendment 4 was not carried

5. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Assembly Government's Technical Advice Note 8: Renewable Energy, but regrets the lack of investment in renewable energy technology.

A vote was taken:

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 49
Amendment 5 was not carried

A vote was taken on the motion:
For 49; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 49
The motion was carried

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5.32pm

Short Debate - NDM2564 Nicholas Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Road Safety - Too Young to Die

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The meeting concluded at 5.54pm

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 27 September 2005

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Clerk to the Assembly

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