

Third Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (228)

Date: Tuesday, 16 November 2010

Time: 1.30pm

Item 1: Questions to the First Minister

The first 11 questions were answered. Question 9 was withdrawn.

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14.24

Item 2: Business Statement and Announcement

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14.42

Item 3: Statement by the Counsel General: The Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Review of Tribunals Operating in Wales Report

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15.01

Item 4: Debate on Housing Benefit

NDM4587 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the impact that the UK Government's proposed changes to housing benefit would have on the poorest people in Wales;
2. Endorses the work that the Welsh Assembly Government is undertaking in collaboration with other organisations to help meet people's housing needs.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Delete all and replace with:

"The National Assembly for Wales:

- 1) *Notes the UK Government's planned changes to housing benefit and the need for a fairer system;*

2) *Endorses the work of the Housing Sector in Wales, and regrets the scale of housing problems in Wales created by Welsh Assembly Government policy since 1999*”.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	36	46

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

“Notes the Labour party’s 2010 election manifesto promise that ‘Housing Benefit will be reformed to ensure that we do not subsidise people to live in the private sector on rents that other ordinary working families could not afford.’”

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	31	47

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

“Believes that the failure of the Welsh Assembly Government to meet its targets to significantly increase the supply of affordable housing is putting additional strains on the social and affordable housing markets”.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	30	46

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM4587 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the impact that the UK Government's proposed changes to housing benefit would have on the poorest people in Wales;
2. Endorses the work that the Welsh Assembly Government is undertaking in collaboration with other organisations to help meet people's housing needs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	17	46

The motion was agreed.

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15.51

Item 5: Debate on the Annual Report of the Older People Commissioner

NDM4585 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose the National Assembly for Wales: Welcomes the report of the Commissioner for Older People 2009/10, a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 9 November 2010.

The motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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16.26

Item 6: Debate on the social impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review

NDM4586 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of effective public services in protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and notes the Welsh Assembly Government's commitment to a fair society that is built on strong foundations of social justice and equality of opportunity;
2. Notes that the Welsh Assembly Government deplores the UK government's disregard of the consequences of the Comprehensive Spending Review in Wales on those receiving and providing such public services.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

In point 1 delete:

“and notes the Welsh Assembly Government's commitment to a fair society that is built on strong foundations of social justice and equality of opportunity”.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	31	47

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

“Recognises the changes proposed in the Comprehensive Spending Review by the UK Government will enhance public service provision for back to work support”.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	1	31	47

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Add new point at end of motion:

“Regrets the failure of the Welsh Assembly Government to build a fair society”.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	31	47

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM4586 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of effective public services in protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and notes the Welsh Assembly Government's commitment to a fair society that is built on strong foundations of social justice and equality of opportunity;
2. Notes that the Welsh Assembly Government deplores the UK government's disregard of the consequences of the Comprehensive Spending Review in Wales on those receiving and providing such public services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	16	47

The motion was agreed.

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17.10

Voting Time

The meeting concluded at 17.13

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 17 November 2010.

Chamber Secretariat