

Third Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (201)

Date: Wednesday, 26 May 2010

Time: 13.30

Item 1: Questions to the Counsel General

Question 1 was not asked. Questions 2 to 5 were answered. Questions 2 and 3 were grouped together for answer.

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13.38

Point of Order – Mike German

Mike German sought advice from the Presiding Officer on what terms Members should use in naming political groups or government administrations.

The Presiding Officer ruled that Members should refer to political parties by their correct titles, which are the names under which they are registered with the Electoral Commission. In relation to government administrations, Members should use the title by which the administration has chosen to be known.

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

The first 8 questions were answered.

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14.25

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

The first 8 questions were answered. Question 5 was withdrawn. Question 6 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Children.

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15.03

Urgent Question

Alun Davies (Mid and West Wales): What discussions have Welsh Ministers had with UK Ministers about implementing the National Assembly's decision to request the holding of a referendum under the Government of Wales Act 2006. EAQ(3)2924(FM)

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15.37

Item 4: Stage 3 Standing Order 23.57 debate on the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure

In accordance with Standing Order 23.49, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the proposed Measure. At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Member in charge may propose that the proposed Measure be passed in accordance with Standing Order 23.58.

The Amendments were grouped for the purposes of the debate and the groupings were debated as follows:

1. Independence, openness and inclusiveness

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2. Disqualification from membership of the Board

10, 1, 2

3. Appointment of the members of the Board

11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

4. Exercise of functions in relation to salaries

3, 4, 5

5. Exercise of functions in relation to reimbursement of costs incurred in employing staff

6, 7

6. Short title and commencement

8, 9

Voting was taken in the order set out in the Marshalled List of Amendments:

All amendments were agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

All sections and schedules of the proposed Measure were deemed agreed, concluding Stage 3 proceedings.

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16.05

Item 5: Stage 4 Standing Order 23.58 motion to approve the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure

The Member in charge proposed that the proposed Measure be passed in accordance with Standing Order 23.58

The Measure was passed, in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

The Measure as passed will be available at the following link:

http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-leg-measures/bus-legislation-measures-proposed_remuneration.htm

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16.07

Item 6: Debate on the Public Accounts Committee's report on Communities First

NDM4483 Jonathan Morgan (Cardiff North)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Public Accounts Committee's report on Communities First which was laid in the Table Office on 22 February 2010.

Note: The response of the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government was laid in the Table Office on 15 April 2010.

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

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17.09

Item 7: Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

NDM4484 Peter Black (South Wales West)

The National Assembly for Wales calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to scrap the subsidy for the Cardiff-Anglesey air link.

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
5	9	28	42

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Add new point at end of Motion:

Regrets the lack of transparency the Welsh Assembly Government has shown in relation to the use of taxpayers' money for the subsidy.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	28	43

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Add new point at end of Motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to immediately disclose the amount of public funding spent on subsidising the north-south link.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	28	43

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

As the Assembly did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendments tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

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18.03
Voting Time

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Item 8: Short Debate

NDM4482 David Melding (South Wales Central):

Raising the educational attainment of looked after children and care leavers.

The meeting concluded at 18.33

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30 on Tuesday, 8 June 2010.

Chamber Secretariat