

Third Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (243)

Date: Wednesday, 2 February 2011

Time: 13.30

13.30

Item 1: Questions to the Minister for Rural Affairs

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 Question 2 was withdrawn.

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Item 2: Questions to the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

The first 8 questions were answered. Question 4 was not asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. Questions 2, 3 and 8 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Housing.

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15.04

Item 3: Debate on the Standards Committee's report under Standing Order 16.8

NDM4652 Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order No. 16.8, endorses the recommendation of the Committee on Standards of Conduct contained in its report laid in the Table Office on 26 January 2011.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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15.05

Item 4: Debate on the Children and Young People Committee's report 'Safe Places to Play and Hang Out'

NDM4650 Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Children and Young People Committee "Safe Places to Play and Hang Out" which was laid in the Table Office on 23 November 2010.

Note: the response of the Deputy Minister for Children to the report was laid in the Table Office on 26 January 2011.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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15.52

Item 5: Welsh Conservatives Debate

NDM4651 Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to put citizens at the centre of local government by creating greater community involvement in the delivery of public services.

Voting on the motion and amendment under this item was deferred until voting time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	30	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (vale of Glamorgan)

Delete all and replace with:

The National Assembly for Wales:

Welcomes the steps being taken across the Welsh Assembly Government to put citizens at the centre of public service delivery.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	17	48

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that, as well as having greater involvement in the delivery of public services, citizens should be involved in, and consulted on, any potential amalgamation of local authorities, as this could have a dramatic effect on the delivery of public services in their area.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	29	46

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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The National Assembly for Wales:

Welcomes the steps being taken across the Welsh Assembly Government to put citizens at the centre of public service delivery.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	17	48

The motion as amended was agreed.

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16.43

Item 6: Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

NDM4653 Peter Black (South Wales West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that the Welsh Assembly Government has not made time during government business to respond to the issues highlighted by the PISA report, and the publication of the increased spending gap between England and Wales.

2. Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to introduce a Pupil Premium to help pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The PISA report can be accessed on the following link:

http://www.nfer.ac.uk/nfer/publications/NPDZ02/NPDZ02_home.cfm?publicationID=550&title=PISA%202009:%20Achievement%20of%2015-year-olds%20in%20Wales

The publication of the increased funding gap is available on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/statistics/2011/110126sb42011en.pdf> (PDF)

Voting on the motion and amendment under this item was deferred until voting time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	31	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that directly funding schools would redirect resources to frontline education services and start closing the widening funding gap between England and Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	36	48

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that devolving powers to schools will lead to an improvement in educational standards.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	31	48

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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**17.53
Voting Time**

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**17.55
Item 7: Short Debate**

NDM4649 Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales):

Rescuing the rescuers – the future of coastguard provision in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 18.20.

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30 on Tuesday, 8 February 2011.

Chamber Secretariat