

Third Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (235)

Date: Wednesday, 8 December 2010

Time: 13.30

Item 1: Questions to the Minister for Rural Affairs

The first 8 questions were answered.

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14.17

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

The Presiding Officer received notification, under Standing Order 7.50, that the Deputy Minister for Housing and Regeneration would answer questions on behalf of the Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing.

The first 10 questions were answered.

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15.06

Item 3: Legislative Statement by the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning: Proposed Education (Wales) Measure

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15.43

Item 4: Motion to approve the Assembly Commission's Budget 2011/12

NDM4613 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Agrees the budget of the Assembly Commission for 2011-12, as specified in Table 1 of the "National Assembly for Wales Assembly Commission Budget Proposals 2011-12", laid before the Assembly on 1 December 2010; and that it be incorporated in the Annual Budget Motion under Standing Order 27.17(ii).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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15.51

Item 5: Welsh Conservatives Debate

NDM4614 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that funding for schools reaches frontline services;
2. Believes that by bypassing local education authorities, schools will receive funding in a fairer and more transparent manner; and
3. Believes that this system will give schools the flexibility to manage their own affairs and this will lead to increased standards.

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
9	0	37	46*

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:

Notes and supports the work of the independent Task and Finish Group on the structure of the delivery of education which has been set up to consider not only funding, but also governance and performance improvement arrangements and, in particular which education services should be provided and by whom.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	14	46*

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Delete all and replace with

The National Assembly believes:

1. That monitoring the success of the education system should be based on educational standards and not just financial input;
2. That core funding for schools should not be delivered through specific grants and therefore calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to outline a clear timetable to substantially reduce the number of ring-fenced grants to schools, which are bureaucratic and reduce the ability of the school to determine activities in relation to its own needs; and
3. That money from the Welsh Assembly Government provided directly to schools should be based on breaking the link between deprivation and educational achievement.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was deselected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes and supports the work of the independent Task and Finish Group on the structure of the delivery of education which has been set up to consider not only funding, but also governance and performance improvement arrangements and, in particular which education services should be provided and by whom.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	14	46*

The motion as amended was agreed.

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16.36

Item 6: Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

NDM4617 Peter Black (South Wales West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes with regret:

- (a) that life expectancy in Wales has failed to increase in line with that in England, and
- (b) that the difference in life expectancy between different parts of Wales continues to widen.

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
13	0	33	46*

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:

Notes the steady improvement in life expectancy in Wales highlighted in last month's Statistical Bulletin (SB 94/2010), which confirms that life expectancy has risen since the early 1990's by 3.9 years for males and 2.7 years for females.

Statistical Bulletin SB 94/2010 can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2010/101124/?skip=1&lang=en>

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	2	8	46*

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the failure of the Welsh Assembly Government to cut NHS management costs and redirect funds to frontline services so as to improve life expectancy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	46*

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the steady improvement in life expectancy in Wales highlighted in last month's Statistical Bulletin (SB 94/2010), which confirms that life expectancy has risen since the early 1990's by 3.9 years for males and 2.7 years for females.

Statistical Bulletin SB 94/2010 can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	14	46*

The motion as amended was agreed.

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17.30

Item 7: Welsh Conservatives Debate

NDM4615 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of promoting enterprise and life skills in Welsh Schools; and
2. Believes that all Secondary Schools in Wales should establish a social enterprise to be managed and run by pupils.

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
9	0	37	46*

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete all and replace with:

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Welsh Assembly Government's support for enterprise and life skills in Welsh schools as evidenced in the Youth Entrepreneurship Strategy (YES): An Action Plan for Wales 2010-15.

The Welsh Assembly Government's Youth Entrepreneurship Strategy (YES): An Action Plan for Wales 2010-15 can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandeconomy/publications/yesactionplan1015/?lang=en>

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	9	45*

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Welsh Assembly Government's support for enterprise and life skills in Welsh schools as evidenced in the Youth Entrepreneurship Strategy (YES): An Action Plan for Wales 2010-15.

The Welsh Assembly Government's Youth Entrepreneurship Strategy (YES): An Action Plan for Wales 2010-15 can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandeconomy/publications/yesactionplan1015/?lang=en>

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	9	46*

The motion as amended was agreed.

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**18:18
Voting Time**

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**18.22
Procedural motion**

Dai Lloyd moved a procedural motion in accordance with Standing Order 7.26 to postpone the Short Debate.

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

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18.22

Item 8: Short Debate – This item was postponed

NDM4616 Dai Lloyd (South Wales West):

'O bydded i'r hen iaith barhau – One Wales and the Welsh Language'

The meeting concluded at 18.22.

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30 on Tuesday, 11 January 2011.

Chamber Secretariat

** Andrew R.T. Davies's votes were not registered due to a technical fault.*