

Second Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (256)

Date: Wednesday, 7th March 2007

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2.00pm

Item 1: Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration

The first 11 questions were answered.

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2.37pm

Item 2: Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks

The first 10 questions were answered. Question 3 was transferred for written answer by the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration.

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3.20pm

Item 3: Questions to the Business Minister on her responsibilities other than for business

The first 13 questions were answered. Questions 1 & 12, 2 & 6 and 5 & 11 were grouped together for answer.

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3.50pm

Item 4: Revised Draft Business Statement

A vote was taken on the Revised Draft Business Statement:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

The Business Statement was not adopted.

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3.59pm

Item 5: Motion to approve The Home Energy Efficiency Schemes (Categories Of Works And Maximum Amounts Of Grant) (Wales) (Amendment) Determination 2007 under Standing Order 29.3 (iii)

NDM3518 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Order 29.3(iii):

Considers the principle of The Home Energy Efficiency Schemes (Categories of Works and Maximum Amounts of Grant) (Wales) (Amendment) Determination 2007 a draft of which was laid in Table Office on 13 February 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Determination:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

The principle of the Determination was agreed.

NDM3519 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee in relation to The Home Energy Efficiency Schemes (Categories of Works and Maximum Amounts of Grant) (Wales) (Amendment) Determination 2007 laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2007; and

2. Acting under Standing Order 29.3 (iii) approves The Home Energy Efficiency Schemes

(Categories of Works and Maximum Amounts of Grant) (Wales) (Amendment) Determination 2007 made in accordance with:

a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2007.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve the Determination:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

The Determination was approved.

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4.01pm

Item 6: Motion to approve The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Conversion of Framework Powers) Order 2007 under Standing Order 26

NDM3520 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 26,

gives consent that the Secretary of State makes National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Conversion of Framework Powers) Order 2007, which was laid in Table Office on 27 February 2007.

The applicability of the Order in Wales is subject to the consent of the National Assembly for Wales.

The Explanatory Memorandum was laid in the Table Office 27 February 2007.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve the Order:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

The Order was approved.

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4.06pm

Item 7: Motion to approve under Standing Order 29 The Principles Determined by the National Assembly for Wales for Deciding, in accordance with section 52B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) whether local authorities' budget requirements for 2007/08 are excessive

NDM3523 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Order 29.3 (iii):

Considers the principle of the Principles Determined by the National Assembly for Wales for deciding, in accordance with section 52B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), whether local authorities' budget requirements for 2007/08 are excessive a draft of which was laid in Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 February 2007.

To note: This legislation is being taken forward only in relation to police authorities.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Expresses concern that the failure of the Home Office to fund protective services, community policing and inflation in police budgets is imposing a further burden on council tax payers."

A vote was taken on the Amendment to the principle:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	29	59

The Amendment was agreed.

NDM3523 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Order 29.3 (iii):

1) Considers the principle of the Principles Determined by the National Assembly for Wales for deciding, in accordance with section 52B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), whether local authorities' budget requirements for 2007/08 are excessive a draft of which was laid in Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 February 2007.

2) Expresses concern that the failure of the Home Office to fund protective services, community policing and inflation in police budgets is imposing a further burden on council tax payers.

A vote was taken on the principle of the motion as amended:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	28	59

The principle of the motion as amended was agreed.

NDM3524 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales acting under Standing Order 29.3 (iii):

Approves the Principles Determined by the National Assembly for Wales for deciding, in accordance with section 52B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), whether local authorities' budget requirements for 2007/08 are excessive, which was laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly members on 28 February 2007.

To note: This legislation is being taken forward only in relation to police authorities.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

The motion was not agreed.

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4.46pm

Item 8: Debate on Public Services Employment in Wales

5.04pm

Procedural Motion

The Business Minister moved a Procedural Motion under Standing Order 6.21 to extend the meeting for 90 minutes.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	1	1	32

The motion was agreed.

Item 8: Debate on Public Services Employment in Wales (Continued)

NDM3521 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the progress that is being made to achieve a more effective and co-ordinated management of public services in Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete all and replace with:

"1. Notes that the UK Government centralisation proposals for public sector jobs in Wales are contrary to, and therefore undermine, the Assembly's relocation strategy and

2. Calls on the UK Government to re-consider its centralisation proposals in light of their adverse economic, social and environmental impact."

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	11	28	58

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete "Notes the progress that is being made" and replace with:

"Calls on the Assembly Government to comprehensively implement the recommendations of the Beecham Review, 'Beyond Boundaries'."

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
7	22	29	58

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Notes the call in the Beecham Review, 'Beyond Boundaries', for a mixed economy in the delivery of public services."

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	12	58

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Notes that more public services need to be commissioned on a regional basis."

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Notes the need for more joint working between agencies delivering public services."

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Deplores the job losses in HM Revenue and Customs offices in communities across Wales, which are the result of the Treasury's cost-cutting targets."

A vote was taken on amendment 6:

As there was an equality of votes, the Deputy Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Regrets the lack of joined up thinking and action between the UK Government and the Assembly Government in regard to the location of public sector jobs in Wales."

A vote was taken on amendment 7:

As there was an equality of votes, the Deputy Presiding Officer cast his vote in the negative.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

Amendment 8 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Welcomes the Assembly Government's actions to spread public sector jobs throughout Wales."

A vote was taken on amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
57	0	0	57

Amendment 8 was agreed.

Amendment 9 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Calls for the creation of a single independent Welsh Civil Service to encourage high level skills and their retention in the public sector in Wales."

A vote was taken on amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	40	58

Amendment 9 was not agreed.

NDM3521 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1) Notes the progress that is being made to achieve a more effective and co-ordinated management of public services in Wales.
- 2) Notes the call in the Beecham Review, 'Beyond Boundaries', for a mixed economy in the delivery of public services.
- 3) Notes that more public services need to be commissioned on a regional basis.
- 4) Notes the need for more joint working between agencies delivering public services.
- 5) Welcomes the Assembly Government's actions to spread public sector jobs throughout Wales.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	17	58

The motion as amended was agreed.

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6.02pm

Item 9: Short Debate postponed from 17 January 2007

NDM3398 Sandy Mewies (Delyn):

"Looking After the Pennies" - Why financial literacy matters.

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6.25pm

Item 10: Short Debate

NDM3522 Leanne Wood (South Wales Central):

Safer Communities.

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The meeting concluded at 6.51pm

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on Tuesday,
13th March 2007**

Chamber Secretariat