

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 5 June 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(136)

1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 3 and 5 – 15 were asked. Question 4 was withdrawn. Questions 1 and 14 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

The item started at 14.15

All 15 questions were asked. Questions 7 and 15 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

3 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill – POSTPONED

4 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill – POSTPONED

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.00

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5257 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the opportunity provided by Armed Forces Day to thank all those that have served in our armed forces and the support provided to them by the people of Wales.
2. Recognises the contribution of non-military personnel to successive war efforts.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to support veteran-directed services and consider the introduction of an Armed Forces Card Scheme, for veterans and those serving in the armed forces, to coincide with events commemorating the centenary of the First World War.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Assembly Commission to develop and publish a national programme of commemorative events.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider working with the armed forces and other partners to establish a National Military Museum for Wales to commemorate the rich heritage of sacrifice, courage and service of Welsh military personnel, civilians, and all those who have served their country in times of armed conflict.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	15	54

The motion without amendment was agreed.

6 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 15.55

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5256 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that Welsh communities need consultant led A & E and maternity services in local district general hospitals.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	44	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Insert new point at start of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government's planned budget cuts to NHS finances, which are the deepest of the UK nations, are having a detrimental impact on the ability of the Welsh NHS to continue to provide the current configuration of consultant-led A&E and maternity services in Welsh hospitals.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	14	28	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Rejects proposals currently being considered by the South Wales Programme to downgrade consultant-led A&E and maternity services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in Llantrisant.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	0	27

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to fulfil its commitment to retain existing A&E services at Glan Clwyd Hospital in Bodelwyddan.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	0	27

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Health Minister to secure the future of existing A&E services at Prince Philip Hospital in Llanelli.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	0	27

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that local district general hospitals will provide sustainable and clinically robust A & E and maternity services if doctor recruitment levels are improved and calls for the Welsh Government to publish the results of its Doctor Recruitment Campaign, launched in April 2012.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion. Therefore, amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that local district general hospitals will provide sustainable and clinically robust A & E and maternity services if nurse staffing levels are improved and calls for the Welsh Government to introduce legislation to facilitate a minimum level.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion. Therefore, amendment 6 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5256 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that Welsh communities need consultant led A & E and maternity services in local district general hospitals.

Rejects proposals currently being considered by the South Wales Programme to downgrade consultant-led A&E and maternity services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in Llantrisant.

Calls upon the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to fulfil its commitment to retain existing A&E services at Glan Clwyd Hospital in Bodelwyddan.

Calls upon the Welsh Health Minister to secure the future of existing A&E services at Prince Philip Hospital in Llanelli.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

The motion as amended 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 is therefore not agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 16.55

7 Short Debate

The item started at 17.01

NDM5255 Russell George (Montgomeryshire): Is the answer really blowing in the wind? The renewable mix and the growing demand for hydro power.

A debate questioning whether the Welsh Government has the right renewable energy strategy in placing too much emphasis on onshore wind generation.

The meeting concluded at 17:27

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 11 June 2013