

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 25 November 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(232)

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.21

3 Motion under Standing Order 16.5 to Establish an Assembly Committee

The item started at 14.29

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

NDM5634 Jane Hutt AM (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 16.5:

1. Establishes a Committee on the protection of children from battery inflicted on grounds of reasonable punishment; and
2. Agrees that the remit of the Committee is to examine the policy and legislative considerations surrounding the removal of the “reasonable punishment” defence in relation to battery of a child, further to section 58 of the Children Act 2004. The Committee will be dissolved following the debate on its report.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	21	53

The motion was agreed.

4 Statement by the Minister for Public Services: The Anti-Slavery Co-ordinator's Annual Report

The item started at 14.39

5 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Health: Immunisation Progress and Vaccinations

The item started at 15.03

6 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Jobs Growth Wales Future Programme

The item started at 15.39

7 Legislative Consent Motion on the Consumer Rights Bill: Amendment in relation to Letting Agency Fees

The item started at 16.15

NDM5626 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Consumer Rights Bill, relating to letting agency fees in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Legislative Consent Motion on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill – provisions relating to education and training

The item started at 16.19

NDM5627 Julie James (Swansea West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, relating to education and training in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Debate on the General Principles of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.23

NDM5632 Leighton Andrews (Rhondda)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.22

NDM5633 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69 arising in consequence of the Bill.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

11 Debate: The Impact of the UK Government's Welfare Reforms in Wales

The item started at 17.22

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

NDM5631 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

- a) the impact of Welfare Reform in Wales and its implications; and
- b) the latest published plans for the implementation of Universal Credit.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point a) and replace with:

that welfare reforms implemented by the UK Government have been taken to address inequality in the benefits system and to ensure that no one can earn more on benefits than the average family does by going out to work; and

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	37	53

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that the aim of universal credit is to reduce poverty, by making work pay, and to help claimants and their families to become more independent.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	37	53

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the repeal of the bedroom tax.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	0	11	53

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Resolves that job-creation measures are more effective than punitive welfare reforms as a means to create thriving communities.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	11	0	53

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that a freeze on child benefit would be detrimental to the goal of eradicating child poverty.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	11	27	53

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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1. Notes:

a) the impact of Welfare Reform in Wales and its implications; and

b) the latest published plans for the implementation of Universal Credit.

2. Calls for the repeal of the bedroom tax.

3. Resolves that job-creation measures are more effective than punitive welfare reforms as a means to create thriving communities.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	0	11	53

The motion as amended was agreed.

12 Voting Time

The item started at 18.16

The meeting concluded at 18.19

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 26 November 2014