

Plenary

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 3 June 2015

Meeting time:

13.30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(269)

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–8, 11 and 13–14 were asked. Questions 3 and 7 were grouped together for answer. Questions 9, 10 and 12 were withdrawn. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Public Services

The item started at 14.12

Questions 1–7 and 10–13 were asked. Questions 8 and 9 were withdrawn. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

3 Urgent Debate

The item started at 14.51

The findings of an investigation into patient care at the Tawel Fan ward of Bodelwyddan's Glan Clwyd Hospital.

4 Stage 1 Debate on the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.18

NDM5772 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

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

Agrees to the general principles of the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 17.02

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5773 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) define its strategy to increase inward investment to Wales over the next five years;
and

b) collaborate with the UK Government to ensure that Wales remains a competitive and attractive location for inward investment.

2. Recognises that the UK Government's reduction in corporation tax has made Wales and the UK one of the most attractive places to invest.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 10 | 0 | 30 | 40 |

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the criticisms of the Welsh Government's inward investment strategy in Cardiff University's report entitled 'Selling Wales: The Role of Agencies in Attracting Inward Investment'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 20 | 0 | 21 | 41 |

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

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new sub-point at the end of point 1:

'develop effective cross-border links to increase inward investment as well as improving Wales's export potential.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 |

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert as new sub-point at the end of point 1:

ensure co-ordination between all Welsh Government departments involved in selling Wales abroad and ensure that the message is consistent.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 39 | 0 | 0 | 39 |

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

At the end of point 2, insert:

and calls on the Welsh Government to make representations to the UK Government to allow the Welsh Government to set the rate of corporation tax in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 10 | 30 | 0 | 40 |

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5773 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) define its strategy to increase inward investment to Wales over the next five years;
- b) collaborate with the UK Government to ensure that Wales remains a competitive and attractive location for inward investment;
- c) develop effective cross-border links to increase inward investment as well as improving Wales's export potential; and
- d) ensure co-ordination between all Welsh Government departments involved in selling Wales abroad and ensure that the message is consistent.

2. Recognises that the UK Government's reduction in corporation tax has made Wales and the UK one of the most attractive places to invest and calls on the Welsh Government to make representations to the UK Government to allow the Welsh Government to set the rate of corporation tax in Wales.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
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| 9 | 10 | 20 | 39 |
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The motion as amended was not agreed.

6 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

The item started at 18.00

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5770 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Firmly opposes any attempt by the UK Government to repeal the Human Rights Act 1998, which would undermine our Welsh devolution settlement and be a retrograde step in the promotion and protection of human rights.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24 | 0 | 15 | 39 |

The motion without amendment was agreed

7 Voting Time

The item started at 18.55

8 Short Debate

The item started at 18.58

NDM5771 Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)

Môn Mam Cymru: adding value to the food industry

The meeting concluded at 19.19

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 9 June 2015