

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date: 16 September 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Public Services

The item started at 13.30

Questions 2–15 were asked. Question 1 was not asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Government Business

The item started at 14.14

The first 15 questions were asked. Question 2 and 9 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

3 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.05

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5820 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)



Cynulliad
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Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the Welsh Government's persistent failure to provide sufficient support to Wales's businesses.
2. Expresses deep concern by the loss of jobs at businesses in receipt of Welsh Government grant funding.
3. Believes that the process of due diligence utilised by the Welsh Government prior to providing grant support for businesses has proved inadequate.
4. Regrets the Welsh Government's failure to spend public money effectively in support of Welsh businesses.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to undertake a comprehensive review of its failures in business support, including a re-prioritisation to provide more backing for small and medium-sized enterprises.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	41	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to support the financing needs of Welsh businesses through establishing a business development bank for Wales.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to address the burden of business rates by extending the small business rate relief scheme.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to secure new trade opportunities for Welsh businesses by implementing Plaid Cymru's Overseas Trade Initiative.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	42	52

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at end of point 5:

', improved access to finance and enable high quality business support and advice'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	10	26	52

Amendment 2 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 was therefore not agreed.

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16.05

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5821 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets the repeated and persistent failure of the Welsh Government to meet its own key targets linked to the delivery of key public services; and the damaging consequences this has for the people of Wales.
2. Believes that the Welsh Government must show absolute transparency in measuring public service performance.
3. Fears that the removal, redefinition or altering of targets linked to public service delivery prevents the people of Wales from adequately holding the Welsh Government to account, and distorts the scrutiny of its long-term, repeated failure.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	10	31	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert at end of point 2:

'including ensuring that data is collected and published in a way that ensures performance can be compared with other nations'

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5821 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

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1. Regrets the repeated and persistent failure of the Welsh Government to meet its own key targets linked to the delivery of key public services; and the damaging consequences this has for the people of Wales.
2. Believes that the Welsh Government must show absolute transparency in measuring public service performance including ensuring that data is collected and published in a way that ensures performance can be compared with other nations.
3. Fears that the removal, redefinition or altering of targets linked to public service delivery prevents the people of Wales from adequately holding the Welsh Government to account, and distorts the scrutiny of its long-term, repeated failure.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

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

5 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16.58

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5822 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that any increases in the block grant which result from an increase in UK Government health expenditure, are invested in Welsh health and social care services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	11	31	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the importance of investment in safe nurse staffing levels which have a significant impact on patient care and the recruitment and retention of staff

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that parity for mental healthcare is a priority for future investment in the Welsh health service.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure improving access to GPs is a priority for future investment in the Welsh health service.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5822 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that any increases in the block grant which result from an increase in UK Government health expenditure, are invested in Welsh health and social care services.
2. Recognises the importance of investment in safe nurse staffing levels which have a significant impact on patient care and the recruitment and retention of staff
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that parity for mental healthcare is a priority for future investment in the Welsh health service
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure improving access to GPs is a priority for future investment in the Welsh health service.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	11	26	52

The motion as amended was not agreed.

6 Voting Time

The item started at 17.45

7 Short Debate

The item started at 17.50

NDM5819 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Fracking: Implementing a moratorium for Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.13

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 September 2015