

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 27 November 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Education

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.21

The first 6 questions were asked. Question 5 was answered by the Deputy Minister. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.13

To ask the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip



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Jack Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside): Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is helping young people who experience violence in relationships

Answered by the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the status of the environmental impact assessment made of the Barry incinerator, given that testing at the plant has already commenced?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.28

Dawn Bowden made a statement on – Electrical Fire Safety Week Cymru.

5 Debate: Stage 4 of the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.29

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

NDM7208 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill.

[Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Bill](#)

The result was as follows:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 41 | 0 | 19 | 60 |

The motion was agreed.

Voting on Item 5

6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Pancreatic Cancer

The item started at 15.54

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

DM7191 [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that one in four people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the UK do not survive the disease beyond a month and three in four do not survive beyond a year, many because they were not treated quickly enough.
2. Recognises in Wales there are around 500 new cases of pancreatic cancers every year, and that, in 2015, some 508 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and in the same year some 451 people died of the disease.
3. Recognises pancreatic cancer is the deadliest common cancer with a dismal prognosis that has hardly changed in the last 45 years.
4. Welcomes Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month (November) and the work Pancreatic Cancer UK does to promote awareness around the lowest surviving and quickest killing cancer.
5. Calls on Welsh Government to take action to improve survival rates for people with pancreatic cancer in Wales through:
 - a) faster treatment, by learning from fast-track surgery models in England that have shown promising results;
 - b) earlier diagnosis, by learning from Rapid Diagnostic Centres being rolled out in England and piloted by Swansea Bay University Health Board and Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board; and
 - c) holistic support, through timely dietary and nutritional support to enable patients to better tolerate treatment.

Co-Submitters

[Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

[David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Supporters

[Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

[Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

[Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

The result was as follows:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 33 | 12 | 0 | 45 |

The motion was agreed.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Welsh Government Funding

The item started at 16.30

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7206 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that Wales benefits from being part of the United Kingdom.
2. Notes that, as a result of the Fiscal Framework agreed between the Welsh and UK Governments, Wales currently receives £1.20 per head for every £1 spent per head in England on devolved matters.

3. Welcomes the additional £790 million over and above the Welsh block grant which has been committed by the UK Government towards Growth Deals across Wales.
4. Recognises that the funding available for the Welsh Government is at record levels.
5. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:
 - a) use any additional resources which arise as a result of increased investment on the NHS by the UK Government to improve the Welsh health service;
 - b) use any additional resources which arise as a result of increased investment on education by the UK Government to improve the Welsh education system;
 - c) rule out any tax rises or new taxes in Wales between now and the next elections to the National Assembly for Wales.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 14 | 1 | 31 | 46 |

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that successive Westminster Governments – under both Labour and the Conservatives – have presided over intergenerational poverty and chronic underinvestment in Wales.
2. Believes that having the economic and fiscal levers of an independent country is the key to Wales’s future economic prosperity.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 8 | 0 | 38 | 46 |

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes that the Welsh Government successfully negotiated a new needs based factor within the Barnett formula as part of the Fiscal Framework agreement with the UK Government.

Regrets that the UK Government often invests less than the Welsh Government in important non-devolved areas of responsibility across Wales including rail infrastructure and digital connectivity.

Notes that the UK Government's one year spending round leaves the Welsh Government £300m worse off in real terms compared with 2010-11 and condemns a decade of unjust, UK imposed austerity.

Notes that despite the pressures caused by austerity, the Country and Regional Analysis November 2019 statistics shows that in Wales:

- a) spending per person on health and social services was the highest of the four UK countries and 11 per cent higher than in England;
- b) spending per person on education was 6 per cent higher than spending per person in England.

Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to not increase Welsh rates of Income Tax during this Assembly term.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24 | 0 | 22 | 46 |

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7206 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that Wales benefits from being part of the United Kingdom.
2. Notes that the Welsh Government successfully negotiated a new needs based factor within the Barnett formula as part of the Fiscal Framework agreement with the UK Government.

3. Regrets that the UK Government often invests less than the Welsh Government in important non-devolved areas of responsibility across Wales including rail infrastructure and digital connectivity.
4. Notes that the UK Government's one year spending round leaves the Welsh Government £300m worse off in real terms compared with 2010-11 and condemns a decade of unjust, UK imposed austerity.
5. Notes that despite the pressures caused by austerity, the Country and Regional Analysis November 2019 statistics shows that in Wales:
 - a) spending per person on health and social services was the highest of the four UK countries and 11 per cent higher than in England;
 - b) spending per person on education was 6 per cent higher than spending per person in England.
6. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to not increase Welsh rates of Income Tax during this Assembly term.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24 | 0 | 22 | 46 |

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Brexit Party Debate – Lobbyist Register

The item started at 17.34

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7205 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the National Assembly for Wales is the only national legislature in the UK without a lobbyist register.

2. Believes that a lobbyist register would help to promote openness and transparency in Welsh politics.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consult immediately on implementing a lobbyist register for Wales.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 6 | 1 | 39 | 46 |

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Calls upon the Assembly Commission to provide an update on the action it has taken since the publication of the Standards of Conduct Committee report on lobbying published in January 2018.

Welcomes the intention of the Standards of Conduct Committee to give further consideration to lobbying prior to the end of the fifth Assembly.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 40 | 1 | 5 | 46 |

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7205 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the National Assembly for Wales is the only national legislature in the UK without a lobbyist register.

2. Calls upon the Assembly Commission to provide an update on the action it has taken since the publication of the Standards of Conduct Committee report on lobbying published in January 2018.

3. Welcomes the intention of the Standards of Conduct Committee to give further consideration to lobbying prior to the end of the fifth Assembly.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 41 | 4 | 1 | 46 |

The motion as amended was agreed.

Point of Order

Huw Irranca-Davies raised a point of order questioning the language used by Caroline Jones in introducing the Brexit Party Debate on a Lobbyist Register. The DPO stated that what was said was a general accusation against a government rather than against individuals, but reminded Members of their responsibility to use their privilege against defamation responsibly. The DPO stated she would review the record and return to the matter should that be necessary.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 18.13

Votes Summary

10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.17

NDM7207 [Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#)

Bus services in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 18.42

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 December 2019