

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 9 November 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport

The item started at 14.25

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 6 and 7 were answered by the Minister for Social Services and Public Health. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary and the Minister after Question 2.

Urgent Questions

Urgent Question 1

The item started at 15.15



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To the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children:

Neil McEvoy (South Wales Central): In light of the imminent possible removal of Bashir Naderi from the UK next Tuesday, will the Minister consider making representations to stop this from happening?

Urgent Question 2

The item started at 15.22

To the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-Being and Sport:

Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement concerning the Ombudsman's report, which found 'systemic failure' in a cancer patient's care at Glan Clwyd Hospital in Bodelwyddan?

3 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.32

David Rees made a statement on the continuing uncertainty in the steel industry in Wales.

Huw Irranca-Davies made a statement on Movember.

Simon Thomas made a statement on Elly's Ward 10 Flag Appeal.

4 Statement by the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee on the Committee's inquiry into the future of agricultural and rural policies in Wales

The item started at 15.37

5 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

The item started at 16.22

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

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM6122

[Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

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

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

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

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the State of Nature Wales 2016 Report
2. Commends the work of the conservation and research organisations who have produced the report
3. Is concerned by the findings which state that:
 - a) 56% of species studied have declined across the UK over the last 50 years
 - b) In Wales, one in 14 species is heading for extinction
 - c) 57% of wild plants, 60% of butterflies and 40% of birds are in decline
 - d) More than one third of (known) marine vertebrate and plant life has diminished, with three quarters of marine invertebrates declining across the UK.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government and public bodies to ensure that reversing the decline in our biodiversity is at the heart of sustainable management policies.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

The motion was agreed.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate

The item started at 17.23

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6132 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that, according to the Royal British Legion's 2014 Household Survey, there are 385,000 members of the current, and former, service community in Wales.
2. Recognises that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect.
3. Believes that Wales should be at the forefront of implementing the Armed Forces Covenant, which is intended to "redress the disadvantages that the armed forces community may face in comparison to other citizens, and to recognise sacrifices made".
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) note the Scottish Government's creation of a veterans commissioner, to champion the needs of the armed forces community, and further calls on the Welsh Government to create an armed forces commissioner for Wales which would be dedicated both to veterans and the wider armed forces community, with the overall objective of improving outcomes for both veterans and serving forces; and
 - b) introduce a veterans needs assessment as the basis for delivering services to ensure that former members of the armed forces are entitled to receive the support they deserve.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	34	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 4.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	11	46

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#):

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways in which the needs of veterans, and the communities they live in, can be championed and promoted, looking at best practice elsewhere.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#):

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the work of organisations such as '65 degrees north' that help the rehabilitation of veterans, and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Ministry of Defence to ensure people about to leave the Armed forces are aware of such organisations.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Welcomes the steps taken by Welsh Government in partnership with the armed forces community, including:

a) the invaluable work of the Armed Forces Expert Group;

- b) the development of the Welcome to Wales booklet for serving armed forces personnel and their families on being deployed to Wales;
- c) the improved support for armed forces and their families, including the development of a Housing Pathway for ex-service personnel and their families;
- d) the Armed Forces Employability Pathway which enables young people to build skills and confidence, gain qualifications and secure employment;
- e) the continued work to progress health and welfare provision for ex-service personnel including the annual funding of £585,000 given to Veterans NHS Wales, free swimming and the total disregard of the war disablement pension from April 2017.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	8	0	46

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6132 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that, according to the Royal British Legion's 2014 Household Survey, there are 385,000 members of the current, and former, service community in Wales.
2. Recognises that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect.
3. Believes that Wales should be at the forefront of implementing the Armed Forces Covenant, which is intended to "redress the disadvantages that the armed forces community may face in comparison to other citizens, and to recognise sacrifices made".
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways in which the needs of veterans, and the communities they live in, can be championed and promoted, looking at best practice elsewhere.
5. Notes the work of organisations such as '65 degrees north' that help the rehabilitation of veterans, and calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Ministry

of Defence to ensure people about to leave the Armed forces are aware of such organisations.

6. Welcomes the steps taken by Welsh Government in partnership with the armed forces community, including:

- a) the invaluable work of the Armed Forces Expert Group;
- b) the development of the Welcome to Wales booklet for serving armed forces personnel and their families on being deployed to Wales;
- c) the improved support for armed forces and their families, including the development of a Housing Pathway for ex-service personnel and their families;
- d) the Armed Forces Employability Pathway which enables young people to build skills and confidence, gain qualifications and secure employment;
- e) the continued work to progress health and welfare provision for ex-service personnel including the annual funding of £585,000 given to Veterans NHS Wales, free swimming and the total disregard of the war disablement pension from April 2017.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Plaid Cymru debate

The item started at 18.26

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6134 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050.

2. Regrets that the percentage of seven-year-old learners being taught through the medium of Welsh has stagnated in recent years.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to strengthen Welsh-medium provision across all education sectors as a central part of its strategy to achieve this target.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Acknowledges that growing the number of learners receiving their education through the medium of Welsh has and will continue to be central to Welsh Government education and skills policy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	8	10	46

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with businesses to improve the use and learning of Welsh in the workplace.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6134 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050.
2. Acknowledges that growing the number of learners receiving their education through the medium of Welsh has and will continue to be central to Welsh Government education and skills policy.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to strengthen Welsh-medium provision across all education sectors as a central part of its strategy to achieve this target.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with businesses to improve the use and learning of Welsh in the workplace.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	0	46

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting time

The item started at 19.22

Votes Summary

9 POSTPONED UNTIL 16 NOVEMEBR – Short Debate

The meeting concluded at 19.27

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 15 November 2016