

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 21 October 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(224)

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 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 14.17

3 Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Public Services Staff Commission

The item started at 14.37

4 Statement by the Minister for Natural Resources: Climate Change Policy Refresh

The item started at 15.05

5 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food: TB Compensation – The Next Steps

The item started at 15.47

6 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill – Postponed

7 Debate: Future of Devolution for Wales

The item started at 16.15

NDM5605

Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the Prime Minister's commitment that Wales will be at the heart of the debate on the future of the United Kingdom.
2. Calls for bilateral talks that are informed by the Holtham and Silk 1 Commissions' findings, including an updated assessment of the current level and likely future direction of Welsh relative funding.
3. Calls for those talks, which should begin immediately and be completed by January 2015, to have a particular focus on fair funding, with the goal of securing rapid implementation of a funding floor which both addresses underfunding in a way that is consistent with Welsh needs and halts future convergence.
4. Calls for the UK Government to:
 - a) ensure that the same powers are given to Wales regarding the devolution of Corporation Tax if they are provided to Northern Ireland and Scotland;
 - b) devolve Air Passenger Duty for direct long-haul flights;
 - c) review the level of the borrowing powers afforded to Wales in the Wales Bill; and
 - d) work with the Welsh Government to enable it to issue its own bonds.

5. Seeks recognition that if a decision is taken to hold a Referendum on tax varying powers, this should reflect the view of the people of Wales.
6. Seeks confirmation that the Reserved Powers model will be instituted for Wales.
7. Calls on the UK Government to give the National Assembly for Wales the power to determine its electoral arrangements.
8. Calls on the UK Government to make progress on Silk 2.
9. Affirms that these matters should be taken forward in legislative proposals, published before the end of the current Westminster parliamentary session.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Presiding Officer Statement

The Assembly has spoken with one voice today, setting out its priorities for the future of devolution in Wales.

This cross-party motion sets out clear priorities. I now expect the UK Government to deliver on its promise to put Wales at the heart of the UK's devolution debate.

It is time for the Assembly to be recognised as a permanent legislature with the right powers, capacity and status to deliver what the people of Wales now expect.

8 Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Annual Report

The item started at 17.06

NDM5599 Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Annual Report of the Public Accounts Committee for 2013–14, which was laid in the Table Office on 21 August 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Voting Time

There was no voting time.

10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.39

NDM5602 Aled Roberts (North Wales):

Hard to stomach: Coeliac Disease and the need for improved provision of gluten-free foods in Wales.

This debate aims to raise awareness of Coeliac Disease and its diagnosis in Wales as well as the lack of gluten-free food options in schools, hospitals and care homes.

The meeting concluded at 18.07

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 22 October 2014