

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 22 May 2012**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### 1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13:30

All 15 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 14:28

### 3. Financial Resolution in relation to the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill

The item started at 14:37

#### **NDM4890 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69(ii), arising in consequence of the Bill.

The National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 30 January 2012.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

### 4. Statement by the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House: The Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan for Growth and Jobs

The item started at 14:38

## **5. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes: CAP: The Welsh Perspective**

The item started at 15:24

## **6. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: New arrangements to provide support for Council Tax in Wales**

The item started at 16:04

## **7. Debate on the results of the 'Natural Resources Wales' consultation**

The item started at 16:35

### **NDM4891 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the results of the 'Natural Resources Wales' consultation with regard to the proposal to develop a single body for natural resource management in Wales.

The results of the "Natural Resource Wales" consultation are available on the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/singlebody/?lang=en&status=closed>

The following amendments were tabled:

### **Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to address the concerns of the forestry sector expressed in the consultation responses.

**The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

### **Amendment 2 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh government to ensure that the commercial expertise of the forestry sector is adequately reflected in the organisation of any new single environment body, as was recommended by the Environment and Sustainability Committee in its report into the business case for a single environment body, laid in the Table Office on 27 April 2012.

**The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**The remainder of the voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.**

### **Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the business case for the merger was published before the aims of the single environment body were consulted upon.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 3 was not agreed.

#### **Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the current concerns that the Welsh forestry sector has with the creation of the single environment body.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

#### **Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on Welsh Government to re-examine the principle aims and strategic objectives of the single environment body to ensure absolute certainty and clarity in both areas.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	5	39	58

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

#### **Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to ensure the presence of sufficient commercial expertise in the new organisation.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

**Amendment 6 was agreed.**

#### **Amendment 7 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on Welsh Government to ensure that there are sufficient safeguards in the single environment body where there is a conflict of interest between Welsh Government's land ownership and consenting arrangements for energy projects on that land.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

**Amendment 7 was agreed.**

**A vote was taken on the motion as amended:**

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Calls on the Welsh government to ensure that the commercial expertise of the forestry sector is adequately reflected in the organisation of any new single environment body, as was recommended by the Environment and Sustainability Committee in its report into the business case for a single environment body, laid in the Table Office on 27 April 2012.

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Calls on Welsh Government to ensure that there are sufficient safeguards in the single environment body where there is a conflict of interest between Welsh Government's land ownership and consenting arrangements for energy projects on that land.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

#### **Voting Time**

Voting Time started at 17:22

#### **8. Short Debate**

The item started at 17:25

#### **NDM4889 Vaughan Gething (Cardiff South and Penarth):**

Participation and empowerment in the future of Care Services in Wales – Co-Ops, Mutuals and direct payments.

To discuss the experience of direct payments together with mutual and co-op models for care services following Scope's report "Individualism versus Collectivism in Care Can direct payments help build stronger communities?"

The meeting concluded at 17:46

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 23 May 2012**