

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 10 July 2012**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda (78)v4

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### **1. Questions to the First Minister (60 mins)**

The Presiding Officer will call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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### **2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)**

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**3. Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: The evidence underpinning the case for reconfiguring the NHS in Wales (30 mins)**

**4. Statement by the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House: Introduction of the Public Audit (Wales) Bill (60 mins)**

**5. Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: The Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report 2011 (30 mins)**

**6. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: Update on The Social Fund (30 mins)**

**7. Designation of Features (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2012 (15 mins)**

**NDM5032 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan):**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Designation of Features (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations

2012 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 15 June 2012.

Supporting Document

[The Designation of Features \(Appeals\)\(Wales\) Regulations 2012](#)  
[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

## **8. Debate on Numeracy (60 mins)**

### **NDM5031 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan):**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

#### 1. Notes:

a) that numeracy is a fundamental skill;

b) that there is an urgent need to raise standards of numeracy with a commitment from all sectors of education to delivering this objective;

c) the Welsh Government's intention to publish a National Numeracy Programme to significantly raise levels of attainment in numeracy in order to support the education sector and learners to raise numeracy standards.

### **The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new sub–point b) and renumber accordingly:

that, under the 2009 PISA assessment, Wales ranks 40th out of 67 countries for mathematics.

#### **Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

In sub–point b), after 'need to' insert 'respond to the long–standing issue of numeracy standards in Wales, which has not been tackled by previous education Ministers, in order to'

#### **Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

In sub–point b), after 'commitment from' insert 'the Welsh government and'

#### **Amendment 4 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new sub–point at end of motion:

the continuing correlation between deprivation and the levels of attainment in numeracy.

#### **Amendment 5 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that after twelve continuous years of Labour education Ministers in power, standards of numeracy have declined.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the crucial role which parents and guardians can play in working with the education sector to improve standards of numeracy amongst Wales' children and young people.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the failure of successive Welsh Governments to adequately raise numeracy standards in Wales.

#### **Amendment 8 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes the Welsh Government's position that it is unrealistic to expect significant improvements in Wales' performance in the next PISA assessments suggests a lack of urgency in driving up numeracy standards in Wales.

#### **Amendment 9 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister to set clear targets for improvement in mathematics in the 2012 PISA results.

#### **Amendment 10 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the investment provided by the pupil deprivation grant, which will help to improve numeracy in schools.

#### **Amendment 11 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh government to extend the pupil deprivation grant in its following year to continue to help improve numeracy in school.

## **Voting Time**

### **9. Short Debate postponed from 27 June 2012 (30 mins)**

NDM5024 Leanne Wood (South Wales Central): Putting the brakes on traffic to ensure the safety of our school children

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 11 July 2012