

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 3 October 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 Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 13:30

Questions 1-2, 4 – 9 and 11 – 13 were asked. Question 3 was not asked. Question 10 was transferred for written answer.

### 2. Questions to the Minister for Local Government and Communities

The item started at 14:16

The first 12 questions were asked. Question 2 was transferred for written answer.

#### Point of Order

Mick Antoniw raised a point of order relating to Item 6 NDM 5054 on today's agenda and whether the motion was interfering with the quasi judicial process. He asked for a ruling on why the Presiding Officer had not used her discretion under paragraph 3.12 under the Principles and Practices for the Tabling and Laying of Assembly business to refuse to accept a motion if it brings into question the proper conduct of Assembly business.

### 3. Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill

The item started at 15:02

In accordance with Standing Order 26.36, amendments will be disposed of in the order which the sections and schedules to which they relate, arise in the Bill.

The Amendments have been grouped for the purposes of debate and the groupings will be debated as follows:

**1. Translation of Reports of Assembly Proceedings**

1, 5

**2. Publication of Reports of Assembly Proceedings**

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**3. Appointment of Responsible Officer**

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**4. Meaning of Provision**

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**5. Provisions that must be included in the Scheme**

10, 11, 12

**6. Services provided under the Scheme**

7, 8

**7. Consultation on the Scheme**

3, 4

Voting was taken in the order set out in the Marshalled List of Amendments:

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	1	36	54

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on Amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
6	0	48	54

**Amendment 9 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	42	54

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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22	0	32	54
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**Amendment 6 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 10 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 11 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

A vote was taken on Amendment 12:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
43	0	11	54

**Amendment 12 was agreed.**

**Amendment 7 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 8 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 4 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**All sections and schedules of the Bill were deemed agreed, concluding Stage 3 proceedings.**

#### **4. Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 Motion to approve the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Bill**

The item started at 16:01

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Commissioner may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47. If the proposition is agreed:

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

#### **5. Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's report on International connectivity through Welsh ports and airports**

The item started at 16:11

**NDM5053 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Enterprise and Business Committee: International connectivity through Welsh ports and airports, which was laid in the Table Office on 4 July 2012.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was laid in the Table Office on 26 September 2012.

**In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), the amendments tabled to this motion were not selected.**

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

## **6. Welsh Conservatives Debate**

**The item commenced at 17:09**

**NDM5054 William Graham (South Wales East)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

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2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) ensure that level 3 neonatal care services will continue to be available within North Wales;

b) ensure that none of the current neonatal services in West Wales are downgraded; and

c) ensure that the capacity of level 3 neonatal care services in South Wales are able to meet demand.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1 - Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Delete sub-point 2b and replace with:

ensure that a strategy is in place to see an improvement in neonatal services in West Wales

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	0	27

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

### **Voting Time**

Voting Time started at 18:05

### **7. Short Debate**

The item started at 18:06

#### **NDM5052 Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):**

Supporting investment in Llandrindod Wells County War Memorial Hospital

Supporting Powys Local Health Board's plans for investment at Llandrindod Wells County War Memorial Hospital.

The meeting concluded at 18:25

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 9 October 2012**