

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 16 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 First Minister

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1– 12 and 15 were asked. Question 13 was not asked. Question 14 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

#### **Urgent Question 1**

The item started at 14:19

#### **Gwyn Price (Islwyn)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the recent discovery of asbestos at Cwmcarn High School.

#### **Urgent Question 2**

The item started at 14:27

#### **Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the implications for Wales following this morning's announcement by the UK Government, confirming their intention to wind up the Agricultural Wages Board without consulting the Welsh Government.

### 2. Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14:38

### 3. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Progress in Implementing the Welsh Government Response to the Remploy Closures

The item started at 14:51

#### **4. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills: Update on Jobs Growth Wales**

The item started at 15:03

#### **5. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: Community Safety and Progress on Chapter 7 of the Programme for Government**

The item started at 15:36

#### **6. Motion to approve the General Principles of the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 16:13

##### **NDM5063 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill

The Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 28 May 2012.

The report of Health and Social Care Committee on the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 4 October 2012.

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

#### **7. Debate on the City Regions Report**

The item started at 16:56

##### **The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that city regions will contribute to economic growth most effectively if transport and digital connectivity is improved throughout the region.

**Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that local authorities have adequate democratic oversight of decisions made at the city region level.

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern that the report does not adequately address the role that industrial centres in the north-east of Wales can play in leading economic growth in north Wales.

**Amendment 3 was withdrawn**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes the success of city regions will depend on co-operation between all tiers of government; together with the corporate, public and third sectors.

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges that the implementation of city regions should not compromise the regeneration of all other parts of Wales.

**Amendment 5 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to fully detail how the relevant enterprise zones can best complement the South East Wales city region.

**Amendment 6 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

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

### **NDM5064 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report on City Regions.

Believes that city regions will contribute to economic growth most effectively if transport and digital connectivity is improved throughout the region.

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that local authorities have adequate democratic oversight of decisions made at the city region level.

Believes the success of city regions will depend on co-operation between all tiers of government; together with the corporate, public and third sectors.

Acknowledges that the implementation of city regions should not compromise the regeneration of all other parts of Wales.

Calls on the Welsh Government to fully detail how the relevant enterprise zones can best complement the South East Wales city region.

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

The meeting concluded at 17.44

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 17 October 2012**