

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 13 March 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings (120)

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### **1. Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House**

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 7 and 9 – 15 were asked. Question 6 and 10 were grouped together for answer. Question 8 was withdrawn.

### **2. Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science**

The item started at 14.15

Questions 1 – 9 and 12 – 15 were asked. Question 1 and 12 were grouped together for answer. Question 5 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and European Programmes. Question 10 was not asked.

**Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following two items together but with separate votes:**

### **3. Debate on the Standards Committee's report under Standing Order 22.9 (Report 01–13)**

The item started at 14.53

#### **NDM5186 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 01–13 – laid before the Assembly on 6 March 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9; and

2. Endorses the recommendation in the report that a breach has been found and that Bethan Jenkins AM should be censured.

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

**4. Debate on the Standards Committee's report under Standing Order 22.9 (Report 02-13)**

The item started at 14.53

**NDM5187 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Report 02-13 – laid before the Assembly on 6 March 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9; and
2. Endorses the recommendations in the report.

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

**5. Stage 1 Debate on the Regulated Mobile Home Sites (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 14.57

**NDM5184 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

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

Agrees to the general principles of the Regulated Mobile Home Sites (Wales) Bill.

The Regulated Mobile Home Sites (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 24 October 2012

The report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee on the Regulated Mobile Home Sites (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 21 February 2013.

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

**6. Financial Resolution on the Regulated Mobile Home Sites (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 15.41

**NDM5185 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Regulated Mobile Home Sites (Wales) 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 motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **7. Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)**

The item started at 15.42

### **NDM5181 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Resolves to support the principle of pre–confirmation hearings for major public appointments in Wales.

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

## **8. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate**

The item started at 16.25

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### **NDM5188 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Expresses concern that patients in Wales are not able to access the newest and most innovative medicines and treatments available to their counterparts across the UK;
2. Welcomes the creation of a Welsh Health Technology Fund but regrets the lack of investment in new, innovative technologies from the £5million allocation for the financial year 2012–2013;
3. Notes that the pharmaceutical industry invested £4.4billion in UK research and development in 2009 which is more than any other industry sector and believes that NHS Wales needs an environment that is receptive to innovation in order to compete effectively for clinical trials at a global level;
4. Believes that spending on modern medicines should be viewed as an investment rather than a cost and therefore regrets that in 2011 new medicines used in primary care accounted for only 0.5% of total NHS expenditure in Wales; and
5. Notes that Wales is forecast to gain savings of around £186million between 2011–2015 due to Loss of Exclusivity (LOE) and calls on the Welsh Government to invest

some of this money into the Health Technology Fund, to support engagement with the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) and National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) so that more patients in Wales can benefit from the latest medicines and treatments.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	36	50

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

In point 1, after ‘in Wales’ insert ‘, especially those with rare diseases,’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	36	50

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

In point 2, delete all after ‘regrets’ and replace with:

a) the lack of investment in new, innovative technologies from the £5 million allocation for the financial year 2012–2013;

b) that the Fund does not address the poor accessibility of modern cancer treatments for Welsh patients when compared to other parts of the UK.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	39	50

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the Welsh Health Technology Fund extends access to modern cancer treatments for patients in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	34	50

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the Welsh Government's record-breaking real terms cuts to the Welsh NHS budget have the potential to jeopardise the access to innovative medicines and treatments for patients.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	39	50

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

**As the Assembly did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendments tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.**

#### **Voting Time**

The item started at 17.12

The meeting was adjourned and reconvened at 17.14 for voting time.

#### **9. Short Debate**

The item started at 17.17

#### **NDM5183 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

Hywel Dda Health Board's plans for Pembrokeshire – safe and sustainable services?

The meeting concluded at 17:42

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:00, Tuesday, 19 March 2013**