

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 12 March 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru  
National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food**

The item started at 13.30

The first 10 questions were asked. Questions 7 and 9 were grouped together for answer.

### **2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration**

The item started at 14.16

All 15 questions were asked. Question 9 and 11 were grouped together for answer.

### **3 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.01

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM5448 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of bus services to the people of Wales.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure stability for the bus industry and passengers.
3. Further calls on the Welsh Government to protect bus services in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	36	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the recommendation of the Commission on Devolution in Wales to devolve regulatory power over buses to the Welsh Government.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	13	0	55

Amendment 1 was agreed.

**Amendment 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the need for a dedicated Traffic Commissioner for Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	13	0	55

Amendment 2 was agreed.

**Amendment 3 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

In point 3, after 'Welsh Government' insert 'to work with the bus industry and other partners'

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM5448 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of bus services to the people of Wales.
2. Recognises the need for a dedicated Traffic Commissioner for Wales.
3. Welcomes the recommendation of the Commission on Devolution in Wales to devolve regulatory power over buses to the Welsh Government.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the bus industry and other partners to ensure stability for the bus industry and passengers.
5. Further calls on the Welsh Government to protect bus services in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	13	0	55

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

#### **4 Plaid Cymru Debate**

The item started at 16.00

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM5449 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the Welsh language is an economic driver and that its long term continuation as a community language depends on strong local and regional economic growth.
2. Recognises that expenditure by the Welsh Government and public bodies can have a real impact on the language.
3. Believes that the Welsh Government and its partners should develop area-based economic policies to support the language and maximise its economic benefit.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	5	55

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

## **5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate**

The item started at 16.59

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### **NDM5450 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that safe and affordable public transport is key to enabling young people to access work, education, training and apprenticeships.
2. Regrets that the affordability of public transport acts as a significant barrier for part-time workers and to the post-16 choices of young people.
3. Welcomes the steps taken by some local authorities in Wales to introduce a concessionary fare scheme for young people but regrets that significant variability in concessions leads to a postcode lottery of affordable transport for young travellers.
4. Recognises the achievements of community transport schemes including Bwcabus and Grass Routes in providing accessible and flexible transport for local communities.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) work with bus operators to introduce a national concessionary fare scheme for young people through a new 'young travellers' rate for 16–18 year olds and students;
- b) examine the feasibility of a season ticket for part-time workers;
- c) explore the potential for extending community transport schemes such as Bwcabus and Grass Routes in rural areas; and
- d) examine ways to develop a low carbon network of public transport in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	12	55

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

**Voting Time**

The item started at 17.47

**6 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.50

**NDM5447 Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)**

Build it and they will come?

The case for the Carmarthen to Aberystwyth railway.

The meeting concluded at 18.09

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 18 March 2014**