

# Plenary

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Meeting date:

**Wednesday, 2 April 2014**

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 2 – 14 were asked. Question 1 was withdrawn. Questions 3, 12 and 13 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

### **2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport**

The item started at 14.24

Questions 1, 3–7 and 9–15 were asked. Questions 2 and 8 were withdrawn.

### **Urgent Question**

The item started at 15.01

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the hugely significant proposals within the public health white paper consultation, following this morning's UK-wide media coverage and written statement?

### **3 Motion to amend Schedule 1 of the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure (2010)**

The item started at 15.13

#### **NDM5481 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with section 5(1) of the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010:

Resolves that Schedule 1 to the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 be amended so that the following offices or descriptions of persons are no longer disqualified from membership of the National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board:

- a) Member of the House of Lords;
- b) A person who was a member of either of the panels appointed by the Assembly Commission to review the pay and allowances of Assembly Members in pursuance of the Assembly Commission's resolutions of 4 July 2007 and 8 May 2008.

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

#### **4 Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**

The item started at 15.14

#### **NDM5487 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Schedule 1, paragraph 1, to the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 and Standing Order 10.5:

Agrees to nominate Nicholas Bennett to Her Majesty for appointment as Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

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

#### **5 Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Invasive Non Native Species**

The item started at 15.18

## **NDM5482 Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on its inquiry into Invasive Non Native Species which was laid in the Table Office on 10 January 2014.

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

## **6 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.56

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

## **NDM5484 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Programme for Government indicators;
2. Calls on the First Minister to clarify the role the First Minister's Delivery Unit plays in delivering these indicators;
3. Regrets the Delivery Unit's apparent failure to improve the delivery of Welsh Government policy objectives for public service delivery in Wales.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
12	0	37	49

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the findings of the report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery with regards to the Programme for Government indicators;

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish targets and statistical indicators alongside all Government strategies and policies.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	25	49

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

#### **NDM5484 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Programme for Government indicators;
2. Notes the findings of the report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery with regards to the Programme for Government indicators;
3. Calls on the First Minister to clarify the role the First Minister's Delivery Unit plays in delivering these indicators;
4. Regrets the Delivery Unit's apparent failure to improve the delivery of Welsh Government policy objectives for public service delivery in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	25	49

**The motion as amended was not agreed.**

## **7 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate**

The item started at 16.53

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### **NDM5485 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 1 in 10 children and adolescents will experience a mental health issue and recognises the importance of early intervention to support young people in reaching their full potential.
2. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to address key findings from the 2009 review of Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and notes the significant concerns within the 2013 follow up review of safety issues.
3. Regrets that over the past year, the number of vulnerable young people in Wales waiting more than 14 weeks to access child and adolescent psychiatric services has almost quadrupled, from 199 in January 2013 to 736 in January 2014.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) address the inequitable variation in the availability and accessibility of CAMHS in Wales;
  - b) investigate the waiting times between a child or young person's first assessment with CAMHS and their subsequent service referral;
  - c) review the governance arrangements for CAMHS inpatient units and out of area placements;
  - d) routinely publish readmission statistics to help inform trends in the patient discharging system;

e) ensure that all clinical staff within CAMHS have undertaken appropriate safeguarding checks;

f) establish a firmer procedure for health boards to report on inappropriate placements on adult mental health wards;

g) clarify the status of the National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services;

h) consider the introduction of mental health education within the school curriculum to raise awareness and help address issues of stigma; and

i) introduce a national framework to ensure continuity of treatment in the transition between CAMHS and Adult Mental Health Services, including a streamlined information sharing system between providers.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	37	49

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

2. Recognises the steps being taken by successive Welsh Governments to improve mental health services for young people; and

3. Reaffirms the partnership approach, which sees Welsh Government, health, education, local government and the third sector working together as partners to address the continuing challenges of providing effective services in this area.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	8	16	49

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that the Children's Commissioner has repeatedly expressed concern about support services for children and adolescents with mental health issues.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
49	0	0	49

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

## **Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that real term cuts to the health budget have the potential to hinder the ability of Welsh Local Health Boards to deliver improvements in CAMHS.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
12	0	37	49

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

## **Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the commitment of the Welsh Government to ring-fence spending on mental health services and calls upon the Minister for Health and Social Services to publish information to demonstrate that it is monitoring and delivering this commitment and how it is impacting upon CAMHS services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
49	0	0	49

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

**NDM5485 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 1 in 10 children and adolescents will experience a mental health issue and recognises the importance of early intervention to support young people in reaching their full potential.
2. Notes that the Children's Commissioner has repeatedly expressed concern about support services for children and adolescents with mental health issues.
3. Recognises the steps being taken by successive Welsh Governments to improve mental health services for young people; and
4. Reaffirms the partnership approach, which sees Welsh Government, health, education, local government and the third sector working together as partners to address the continuing challenges of providing effective services in this area.
5. Notes the commitment of the Welsh Government to ring-fence spending on mental health services and calls upon the Minister for Health and Social Services to publish information to demonstrate that it is monitoring and delivering this commitment and how it is impacting upon CAMHS services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	4	20	49

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

### **Voting Time**

The item started at 17.48

### **8 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.52

**NDM5483 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

## Staying on Track: Maintaining Rail Connectivity for North Wales

The importance of rail connectivity between North Wales and the HS2 hub at Crewe, along with the potential for enhanced capacity from Wrexham and the North Wales Coast to Liverpool and Manchester.

The meeting concluded at 18.12

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 29 April 2014**