

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 23 September 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 First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 11 questions were asked.

The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

### Urgent Question

The item started at 14.19

**Suzy Davies (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on bed blocking and emergency department overcrowding, following the tragic death of a woman while waiting in an ambulance outside Murrison Hospital? EAQ(4)0482(HSS)

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.29

### Motions to elect Members to Committees

The item started at 14.35

**The motions were grouped for debate and voted on together.**

**NDM5575 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects John Griffiths (Labour) as a member of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in place of Rebecca Evans (Labour).

**NDM5576 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Alun Davies (Labour) as a member of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee in place of Leighton Andrews (Labour);

(ii) Gwenda Thomas (Labour) as a member of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee in place of Jenny Rathbone (Labour).

**NDM5577 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Alun Davies (Labour) as a member of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in place of Julie James (Labour).

**NDM5578 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Jeff Cuthbert (Labour) as a member of the Enterprise and Business Committee in place of David Rees (Labour);

(ii) Gwenda Thomas (Labour) as a member of the Enterprise and Business Committee in place of Julie James (Labour).

**NDM5579 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Jeff Cuthbert (Labour) as a member of the Environment and Sustainability Committee in place of Gwyn Price (Labour);

(ii) Jenny Rathbone (Labour) as a member of the Environment and Sustainability Committee in place of Julie James (Labour).

#### **NDM5580 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects:

(i) Alun Davies (Labour) as a member of the Health and Social Care Committee in place of Leighton Andrews (Labour);

(ii) John Griffiths (Labour) as a member of the Health and Social Care Committee in place of Rebecca Evans (Labour).

**The motions were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36**

### **3 Statement by the First Minister: The Outcome of the Scottish Referendum and Implications for Wales**

The item started at 14.36

### **4 Statement by the Minister for Finance and Government Business: Launch of the White Paper on the Collection and Management of Devolved Taxes in Wales**

The item started at 15.12

### **5 Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Reforming Local Government**

The item started at 15.47

### **6 Statement by the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty: Advice Services – providing practical support to people affected by Welfare Reform**

The item started at 16.21

### **7 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Infrastructure Bill: Provisions for the Control of Invasive Non-Native Species**

The item started at 16.54

**NDM5533 Alun Davies (Blaenau Gwent)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Infrastructure Bill, relating to the eradication and control of invasive non-native species through species control agreements and orders, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

**8 Debate on the Sustainable Development Annual Report 2013–14**

The item started at 16.57

**NDM5568 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the progress made on promoting sustainable development in 2013–14, as set out in the Welsh Government's Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Scheme, which was laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 23 June 2014.

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Future Generations Commissioner proposed in the Well-being of Future Generations Bill should be fully independent of Welsh Government, appointed by the National Assembly and in control of sustainable development indicators.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment . Therefore, the amendment was not agreed

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Sustainable Futures Commissioner's comment on "frustrations in the efforts to increase community scale renewable energy production" and calls on the Welsh Government to include targets for community scale renewable energy in reporting for the Well-being of Future Generations Bill.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment . Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Sustainable Futures Commissioner's comment that there is no reference to "addressing fuel poverty to improve health and educational achievement" and calls on the Welsh Government to reinstate the Fuel Poverty Advisory Group with an appropriate remit and the ability to make policy recommendations to the Government in order to ensure a more integrated approach to tackling fuel poverty.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment . Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

#### **NDM5568 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the progress made on promoting sustainable development in 2013–14, as set out in the Welsh Government's Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Scheme, which was laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 23 June 2014.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

**The motion was agreed.**

#### **Voting Time**

The item started at 17.40

#### **Votes Summary**

The meeting concluded at 17.42

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 24 September 2014**