

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 24 September 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**

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food after Question 2. Question 1 and 2 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food.

### **2 Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty**

The item started at 14.18

Questions 1 – 11 and 13 were asked. Question 12 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty after Question 2.

### **3 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.10

**NDM5570 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes calls from the British Medical Association for a full-scale independent investigation into Welsh NHS services and calls upon the Welsh Government to commission such an investigation as soon as possible.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	0	31	52

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

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the BMA's concerns over the Welsh Government's inability to recruit and retain an adequate NHS medical workforce.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

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 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the UK Government's continuing cuts to public spending and the impact on investment in our NHS.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	16	52

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the BMA's call for consideration of safe and minimum staffing levels across primary, secondary and community care.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

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.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

### **NDM5570 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes calls from the British Medical Association for a full-scale independent investigation into Welsh NHS services and calls upon the Welsh Government to commission such an investigation as soon as possible.

2.Regrets the UK Government's continuing cuts to public spending and the impact on investment in our NHS.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	42	52

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

## **4 Plaid Cymru Debate**

The item started at 16.14

## NDM5571 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that, following Scotland's independence referendum, relations between the nations of these islands must change;
2. Believes that the people of Wales are sovereign and it is they who should decide the nature and pace of constitutional development in this country; and
3. Calls on the First Minister to immediately begin discussions with the UK Government to facilitate a transfer of responsibility over functions to Wales, in order to rebalance powers between the nations.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	42	52

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

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

Delete all and replace with:

Warmly welcomes Scotland's unequivocal decision to vote against independence and looks forward to working with all parts of the United Kingdom in forging a stronger union for the future.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	41	52

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan), Aled Roberts (North Wales):**

Delete all and replace with:

1. Welcomes that the Scottish people have chosen to remain a member of the family of nations that is the United Kingdom;
2. Believes that we must promote a new union for all the people of the UK, including Wales; and
3. Calls for the swift implementation of Parts 1 and 2 of the Commission on Devolution in Wales and the establishment of a UK-wide constitutional convention to draft a plan for a new union.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	11	10	52

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM5571 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes that the Scottish people have chosen to remain a member of the family of nations that is the United Kingdom;
2. Believes that we must promote a new union for all the people of the UK, including Wales; and

3. Calls for the swift implementation of Parts 1 and 2 of the Commission on Devolution in Wales and the establishment of a UK-wide constitutional convention to draft a plan for a new union.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	11	10	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

The item started at 17.05

### NDM5574 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes that 16 and 17 year olds were able to vote in the recent Scottish independence referendum, which was the first time they have had the right to do so in a major ballot in the United Kingdom;
2. Recognises the importance of empowering young people in Wales to engage in politics and contribute their views and ideas to help shape the communities in which they live;
3. Notes the Electoral Commission 2014 report which found that 49% of 16–17 year olds in the UK are not registered to vote and believes that more needs to be done to encourage the participation of young people in democracy; and
4. Welcomes the steps proposed in the Voter Registration Bill, which aims to increase the participation of young people in politics by empowering electoral registration officers in Wales to improve data sharing and increase the number of people registered from underrepresented groups.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

The motion without amendment was agreed.

### **Voting Time**

The item started at 17.54

### **6 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.59

The meeting concluded at 18.25

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 30 September 2014**