

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 22 October 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru  
National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

(225)

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

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–2, 4–11 and 13–15 were asked. Question 2 and 10 were grouped together for answer. Questions 3 and 12 were withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Deputy Minister for Farming and Food after Question 2.

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

The item started at 14.18

The first 10 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty after Question 2.

### **3 Debate on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Welsh Government Proposals for the M4 around Newport**

The item started at 15.04

## **NDM5601 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 Welsh Government Proposals for the M4 around Newport, which was laid in the Table Office on 21 July 2014.

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

## **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.46

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

**A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:**

## **NDM5604 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that despite the additional funding for apprenticeships in the past two budget deals, in-year cuts of £10.7million has left learning providers in limbo.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to clarify the number of apprenticeships created since 2011.
3. Further calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the final study of Jobs Growth Wales' terms of reference will include an evaluation of the skills acquired by participants.

| <b>For</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Against</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 11         | 0              | 38             | 49           |

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Welcomes the Welsh Liberal Democrat and Welsh Government budget announcement of an additional £10m to deliver around 5,000 new apprenticeships over the coming two years.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 1:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 30  | 0       | 19      | 49    |

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the significant and positive impact on young people of the 2013/14 budget agreement between Plaid Cymru and the Welsh Government and regrets the Government's decision to row backwards and cut the Young Recruits Programme.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 2:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 11  | 0       | 38      | 49    |

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM5604 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the Welsh Liberal Democrat and Welsh Government budget announcement of an additional £10m to deliver around 5,000 new apprenticeships over the coming two years.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to clarify the number of apprenticeships created since 2011.

3. Further calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the final study of Jobs Growth Wales' terms of reference will include an evaluation of the skills acquired by participants.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 30  | 0       | 19      | 49    |

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 5 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16.36

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### NDM5606 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the increasingly difficult economic conditions for farmers;
2. Regrets the Welsh Government's decision to transfer the maximum 15% from pillar 1 to pillar 2 of the Common Agriculture Policy.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) accelerate its efforts to reduce red tape within the industry;
  - b) take practical and swift action to support the red meat and dairy sectors in Wales; and
  - c) introduce a dedicated Area of Natural Constraint scheme to help those farming in the most challenging conditions.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 8   | 0       | 41      | 49    |

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Insert as new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the high-age profile of Welsh farmers and calls on the Welsh Government to take steps to improve succession planning & shared farming.

**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 2 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the lack of a dedicated Area of Natural Constraint scheme as part of the Rural Development Plan, a decision which has its roots in choices made by the One Wales Government.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 2:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 16  | 0       | 33      | 49    |

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the Welsh Government's decision to cut the Agriculture and Food budget by 17.8% and the Animal Health budget by 20.7% in the Draft Budget 2015-16.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 3:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 19  | 5       | 25      | 49    |

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to reinstate a dedicated Cabinet level post for Agriculture and Food.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 4:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24  | 0       | 25      | 49    |

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the National Assembly for Wales to support a voluntary code of practice for supermarkets to dedicate a prominent section of floor space for high quality Welsh PGI status and British Red Tractor meat.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 5:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 23  | 0       | 25      | 48    |

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 6 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that a North Wales based beef and lamb abattoir would ensure the long term sustainability of red meat production in North Wales.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 6:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24  | 0       | 25      | 49    |

**Amendment 6 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 7 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to reform the meat promotional levy to ensure that the levy is payable to the country in which the animal is born.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 7:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 49  | 0       | 0       | 49    |

**Amendment 7 was agreed.**

**Amendment 8 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to increase the percentage of public procurement of Welsh produce.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 8:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 49  | 0       | 0       | 49    |

**Amendment 8 was agreed.**

**Amendment 9 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the terms of reference of the independent review of the dairy industry in Wales to include the development of a comprehensive strategic action plan to support the dairy industry.

**A vote was taken on Amendment 9:**

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24  | 0       | 25      | 49    |

**Amendment 9 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM5606 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the high-age profile of Welsh farmers and calls on the Welsh Government to take steps to improve succession planning & shared farming.
2. Notes the increasingly difficult economic conditions for farmers;
3. Regrets the Welsh Government's decision to transfer the maximum 15% from pillar 1 to pillar 2 of the Common Agriculture Policy.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) accelerate its efforts to reduce red tape within the industry;
  - b) take practical and swift action to support the red meat and dairy sectors in Wales; and
  - c) introduce a dedicated Area of Natural Constraint scheme to help those farming in the most challenging conditions.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to reform the meat promotional levy to ensure that the levy is payable to the country in which the animal is born.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to increase the percentage of public procurement of Welsh produce.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24  | 0       | 25      | 49    |

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

## **6 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 17.36

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

**A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:**

**NDM5603 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**



To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of ports to the Welsh economy.
2. Notes increasing short sea shipping at Welsh ports could secure long term dividends.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to provide an update on its work with WEFO on infrastructure developments and the role of ports in the renewable energy supply chain.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 36  | 0       | 13      | 49    |

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

## **7 Voting Time**

The item started at 18.30

## **8 Short Debate**

The item started at 18.36

**NDM5607 Lynne Neagle (Torfaen)**

Dementia Friends - Working towards Dementia Friendly Communities across Wales

The meeting concluded at 19.03

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 4 November 2014**