

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 14 January 2015**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru  
National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

(239)

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills**

The item started at 13.30

The first 7 questions were asked. Question 5 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

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

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

The item started at 14.18

The first 10 questions were asked.

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

### **Motion to elect Members to committees**

The item started at 15.04

## **NDM5666 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee in place of Alun Ffred Jones (Plaid Cymru).

**The Motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **3 Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Report on Senior Management Pay**

The item started at 15.04

## **NDM5664 Darren Millar (Clwyd West)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Public Accounts Committee – Senior Management Pay, which was laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2014.

**The Motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **4 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)**

The item started at 15.47

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

## **NNDM5630**

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales)**

**Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)**

**Jenny Rathbone (Cardiff Central)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that:

a) women have made a huge contribution to the working life of Wales and continue to be a vital part of the Welsh economy;

b) it is nearly 100 years since women got the vote and nearly 40 years since the Equal Pay Act;

c) the Welsh Government has an important part to play in ensuring that there is not institutional discrimination present in the workplace.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government not to award any procurement contracts or Welsh Government grant monies to any company that does not have any female directors on their board.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	32	1	54

The Motion was agreed.

## 5 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16.35

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### NDM5665 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that:

a) the Welsh Government is providing small business rate relief until March 2015;

b) the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in his Autumn Statement of 3 December 2014 that the Welsh Government will have full control of business rates in March 2015.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to extend business rate support for small businesses.

3. Further calls on the Welsh Government to help strengthen ties between higher education institutions and the business community to create a more dynamic economy.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	5	54

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

## **6 Voting Time**

The item started at 17.31

## **7 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.33

The meeting concluded at 17.52

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 20 January 2015**