

# Plenary

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Meeting date:

**Wednesday, 22 April 2015**

Meeting time:

**13.30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru

National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services**

The item started at 13.30

The first 7 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 6 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Health. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

### **2 Questions to the Counsel General**

The item started at 14.18

The question was asked.

### **3 Questions to the Assembly Commission**

The item started at 14.21

The question was asked.

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

The item started at 14.26

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

**NNDM5715**

**Bethan Jenkins**

**William Graham**

**Lynne Neagle**

**William Powell**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to

a) instigate a moratorium on opencast mining across Wales, in order to ascertain whether planning law and current guidance provides sufficient protection for communities affected by opencast mining;

b) respond to the Research into the Failure to Restore Opencast Coal Sites in South Wales, stating specifically how it might address concerns about the workability of MTAN2 and the 500m buffer zone; and

c) support affected local authorities to make legal challenges, where required, when pursuing restoration.

The result was as follows:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
30	16	0	46

**The motion was agreed.**

## **5 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.12

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM5742 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges that UK Government policies since 2010 were essential in the restoration of the UK and Welsh economies;
2. Further acknowledges that the strengthening UK economy has underpinned growth in the private sector and created over 2 million jobs; and
3. Recognises that a thriving private sector is the foundation for sustaining our public services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	37	46

**The motion without amendment not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Acknowledges that the UK Government's austerity programme has failed by its own terms and regrets the economic and social impacts of the unnecessary 10% cut to the Welsh budget since 2010.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	14	46

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Welcomes new employment opportunities but regrets that 17,000 of the new jobs created in Wales since 2010 have been part-time.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	14	46

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that the UK's economy is now the fastest growing of the G7 countries.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
23	0	24	47

**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 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes that 1.2 million people in Wales have had an £800 income tax cut, thanks to the Liberal Democrats in the UK Government increasing the personal allowance threshold.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
5	9	32	46

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

### **Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that we must balance the books fairly, with investment in a high-skill, low-carbon economy, eliminate the structural budget deficit by 2017-18, ensure the wealthiest pay their fair share by introducing a mansion tax, and protect the most vulnerable in society.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
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5	0	41	46
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**Amendment 5 was not agreed**

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

**NDM5742 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges that the UK Government's austerity programme has failed by its own terms and regrets the economic and social impacts of the unnecessary 10% cut to the Welsh budget since 2010;
2. Welcomes new employment opportunities but regrets that 17,000 of the new jobs created in Wales since 2010 have been part-time; and
3. Recognises that a thriving private sector is the foundation for sustaining our public services.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	14	46

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **6 Plaid Cymru Debate**

The item started at 16.13

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM5741 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of further education institutions to the provision of post-16 education;

2. Notes the importance of providing adult learning opportunities for adults wanting to acquire new skills;

3. Regrets the impact of cuts to post-16 education on the further education sector; and

4. Welcomes the Welsh Government's commitment to annually monitor the pay of senior management in higher education and urges that be extended to further education.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	9	46

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

## **7 Voting Time**

The item started at 17.15

## **8 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.19

### **NDM3740 Russell George (Montgomeryshire)**

Healthcare in Mid Wales

The challenges of delivering healthcare in rural Mid Wales in a cross-border context and issues surrounding the Mid Wales Healthcare Study.

## **9 Short Debate – Withdrawn**

### **NDM5726 Leanne Wood (South Wales Central)**

Delivering a devolution dividend for the whole of Wales

Maximising the opportunities of devolution to make sure that the whole country reaps the benefits.

The meeting concluded at 17.46

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 28 April 2015**