

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 13 May 2015**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru  
National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

(265)

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

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 5, 7 and 9 – 11 were asked. Questions 6 and 8 were withdrawn.

Questions 1, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

After Question 10 the PO welcomed a delegation of parliamentarians from the Parliament of Jordan, who were in the Public Gallery.

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

The item started at 14.16

The first 12 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

### **Urgent Question 1**

The item started at 15.01.

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the GP out-of-hours service in north Wales, in light of a report which raised concerns about its safety?

## **Urgent Question 2**

The item started at 15.21.

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Will the Minister make a statement on the renewal of the Jobs Growth Wales programme, in light of today's announcement of continued funding by the Welsh Government?

### **3 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on its inquiry into new psychoactive substances**

The item started at 15.35

#### **NDM5756 David Rees (Aberavon)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report by the Health and Social Care Committee on its inquiry into new psychoactive substances, which was laid in the Table Office on 18 March 2015.

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

### **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 16.21

#### **NDM5755 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the benefits of major sporting events in Wales;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to actively pursue a bid for the Commonwealth Games; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the benefits of public health, tourism and the economy are maximised during the upcoming Rugby World Cup.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 5 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 17.20

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### **NDM5759 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the Barnett funding formula is not in the best interest of Wales;
2. Notes that if Wales was funded on the same basis as Scotland per head of the population, it would receive an additional £1.2 billion every year; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to make the case for Wales to be funded on the same basis as Scotland.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	38	47

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Recognises the findings of the Holtham Commission that the Barnett formula underfunds Wales by some £300 million per year.
2. Believes that Wales should be funded fairly.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to:

- a) commission an update of the Holtham Commission's analysis;
- b) immediately entrench a Barnett floor; and
- c) increase the block grant to an equitable level to ensure fair funding for Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
3	0	44	47

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

### **Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

- 2. Notes that repeated studies have found that Wales is underfunded relative to need.
- 3. Calls on the UK Government to ensure that Wales is funded fairly by implementing a funding floor which has cross-party support.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	19	47

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

**As amendment 2 was agreed, amendments 3 was de-selected**

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the St David's Day agreement and the plans for a funding floor for Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	34	47

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

**As amendment 2 was agreed, amendment 5 was de-selected**

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

**NDM5759 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

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2. Notes that repeated studies have found that Wales is underfunded relative to need.
3. Calls on the UK Government to ensure that Wales is funded fairly by implementing a funding floor which has cross-party support.

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

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **6 Voting Time**

The item started at 18.21

## **7 Short Debate**

The item started at 18.24

**NDM5758 Suzy Davies (South Wales West)**

Education other than at school

The meeting concluded at 18.48

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 19 May 2015**