

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 1 July 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 Finance and Government Business**

The item started at 13.30

The first 12 questions were asked. Questions 4 and 6 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

### **2 Questions to the Minister for Public Services**

The item started at 14.16

Questions 1–4 and 6–12 were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

### **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.3 to elect alternate members of the Standards of Conduct Committee**

The item started at 15.01

**NDM5810 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects as alternate members of the Standards of Conduct Committee:

Ann Jones (Labour) for Mick Antoniw (Labour), Paul Davies (Welsh Conservatives) for Mark Isherwood (Welsh Conservatives), Elin Jones (Plaid Cymru) for Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) and Aled Roberts (Welsh Liberal Democrats) for Eluned Parrott (Welsh Liberal Democrats).

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

#### **4 Debate on the Public Accounts Committee Annual Report**

The item started at 15.02

##### **NDM5800 Darren Millar (Clwyd West)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Annual Report of the Public Accounts Committee for 2014–15, which was laid in the Table Office on 17 June 2015.

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

#### **5 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.29

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

##### **NDM5801 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of a high standard of education for pupils in Wales, in order to increase their competitiveness both nationally and globally;
2. Believes that the Welsh Government has taken too long to develop measures to raise school standards in Wales;

3. Believes that regional consortia are not as effective as they need to be in helping school improvement; and

4. Believes that the Welsh Government's modern foreign language policy of creating centres of excellence is insufficient to address the need to raise standards of modern foreign language provision in schools in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	40	53

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Believes the Welsh Government's approach to school improvement has been confused, leading to delays and incoherence.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	40	53

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the finding by Professor Donaldson in his review that 'the acquisition of modern foreign languages will benefit from the earlier development of the Welsh language'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	17	53

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2 was agreed, therefore amendment 3 was de-selected.**

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

**NDM5801 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of a high standard of education for pupils in Wales, in order to increase their competitiveness both nationally and globally;
2. Believes that the Welsh Government has taken too long to develop measures to raise school standards in Wales;
3. Believes that regional consortia are not as effective as they need to be in helping school improvement; and
4. Notes the finding by Professor Donaldson in his review that 'the acquisition of modern foreign languages will benefit from the earlier development of the Welsh language'.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

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

## **6 Plaid Cymru Debate**

The item started at 16.23

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM5802 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the education system should enable the education workforce to take the lead on professional development and on improving education standards;

2. Calls for the raising of the professional standards of the education workforce by making teaching a Master's level profession and improving continual professional development for the whole workforce; and

3. Calls for the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions to Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	44	53

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that a professional registration body can help with the continuous improvement of education staff and students and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure elected representation of peers from the teaching profession to the Education Workforce Council to ensure it is properly accountable.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

**Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

In point 2, delete all after 'and' and replace with: 'calls for better access to continual professional development for the whole workforce, regardless of employer; and'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

Amendment 2 was agreed.

**Amendment 3 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises the advantage of the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions to Wales providing there is an appropriate transfer of resources."

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	21	52

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

**Amendment 3 was agreed, therefore amendment 4 was de-selected.**

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

**NDM5802 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the education system should enable the education workforce to take the lead on professional development and on improving education standards;
2. Calls for the raising of the professional standards of the education workforce by making teaching a Master's level profession and calls for better access to continual professional development for the whole workforce, regardless of employer; and
3. Recognises the advantage of the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions to Wales providing there is an appropriate transfer of resources.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	12	53

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **7 Voting time**

The item started at 17.13

## **8 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.17

**NDM5794 Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East)**

The threat of Islamist radicalisation: How working together can tackle extremism.

The meeting concluded at 17.42

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 July 2015**