

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 8 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 Communities and Tackling Poverty**

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–8 and 11–13 were asked. Question 9 was withdrawn. Question 10 was not asked. 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 14.16

Questions 1 – 3 and 5 –15 were asked. Question 4 was not asked. Question 9 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism and Question 15 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.

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

The item started at 15.01

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

**NNDM5799**

**Mike Hedges (Swansea East)**  
**Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**  
**Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon)**  
**Peter Black (South Wales West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that as long as the Barnett formula continues then expenditure on developments that only benefit England, such as HS2, should produce the full Barnett consequential for Wales; and
2. Further believes that, when the UK Government and Welsh Government are in dispute over whether expenditure should produce a Barnett consequential for Wales, there is a need for an independent body to arbitrate.

The result was as follows:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
36	10	0	46

**The motion was agreed.**

#### **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.40

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM5812 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Welsh Conservative proposals to boost support for first-time buyers; and
2. Recognises the need to help first-time buyers onto the property ladder by working with the whole market to develop a range of initiatives.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
10	7	29	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Notes the difficulties facing first time buyers in current economic circumstances.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	10	46

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for an innovative new rent-to-own model of housing to enable tenants to build up a stake in the ownership of their home through their rent.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	18	23	46

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the role of social housing in providing low cost affordable housing, and that it is inappropriate to enact home-buying policies that would deplete the social housing stock.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	10	0	46

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

**NDM5812 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the difficulties facing first time buyers in current economic circumstances.
2. Recognises the need to help first-time buyers onto the property ladder by working with the whole market to develop a range of initiatives.
3. Recognises the role of social housing in providing low cost affordable housing, and that it is inappropriate to enact home-buying policies that would deplete the social housing stock.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
36	10	0	46

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **5 Voting Time**

The item started at 16.33

## **6 Short Debate**

The item started at 16.35

**NDM5811 Mark Isherwood (North Wales)**

The employment barriers that face people with hearing loss in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 16.55

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 July 2015**