

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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## 1 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

The item started at 13.30

The first 13 questions were asked. Questions 8 and 9 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

## 2 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14.16

Both questions were asked.

## 3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

The item started at 14.22

The question was asked.

## 4 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 14.25

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM5854 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**



Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru

National  
Assembly for  
Wales

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the vital role international connectivity plays in underpinning economic growth through inward investment, trade and tourism;
2. Believes the Welsh Government should adopt a clear plan to enhance international connectivity in Wales;
3. Notes the opportunities to boost international connectivity in Wales by:
  - a) returning Cardiff Airport to private ownership; and
  - b) dividing proceeds from its sale between both infrastructure investment and returning original investment to Wales's taxpayers.
4. Recognises the opportunities to boost international connectivity in Wales by supporting the important role Wales's ports play in delivering growth and creating jobs;
5. Believes that to improve international connectivity in Wales, the Welsh Government must bring forward clear plans to improve the A40 to Fishguard and A55 to Holyhead; and
6. Further recognises the role the Heart of Wales Line can play as a transport corridor for Mid Wales, and its potential role in driving the connectivity of Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	38	49

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government's stated intention of identifying a private sector operator for Cardiff Airport at the time of purchase and calls for a written update on progress in this regard.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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6	0	43	49
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**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the opportunities to boost international connectivity in Wales by:

- a) supporting the growth of Cardiff Airport as an entry point to Wales
- b) supporting connectivity between Wales and key hub airports such as London Heathrow and Manchester.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	11	49

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

**Amendment 3 was withdrawn**

**Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Delete point 6 and replace with:

Further recognises the role of Welsh rail lines in securing internal and external connectivity, and supports;

- a) developing the Heart of Wales Line.
- b) electrification of the North Wales Coast Line.
- c) electrification of the Great Western Main Line and Valley Lines.
- d) electrification of the Welsh Marches Line.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	10	49

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes significant gaps in rail electrification projects in the Welsh Government's National Transport Finance Plan and calls on the Welsh Government to include electrification of the Ebbw Vale, Barry Island, Vale of Glamorgan, Penarth and Maesteg lines.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	25	49

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

#### **Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide funding for a feasibility study into re-instating rail links between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen to link up with the existing network.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	0	48

**Amendment 6 was agreed.**

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

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7. Calls on the Welsh Government to provide funding for a feasibility study into re-instating rail links between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen to link up with the existing network.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

The motion as amended was agreed.

## **5 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on the inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse**

The item started at 15.27

**NDM5851 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 alcohol and substance misuse, which was laid in the Table Office on 5 August 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 6 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 16.12

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### NDM5852 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls for an immediate moratorium on any expenditure and planning of the M4 'Black Route' until a mandate has been given by the people of Wales when they elect the next Welsh Government in the May 2016 Assembly election.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	40	49

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

Welcome that the budget deal agreed between the Welsh Government and the Welsh Liberal Democrats ensured "that no construction of an M4 relief road would start before the next Assembly elections" in May 2016 and that a detailed Environmental Impact Study on the Welsh Government's preferred 'Black Route' would be commissioned.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	20	49

Amendment 1 was agreed.

*Amendment 1 was agreed, therefore amendment 2 was de-selected.*

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

**NDM5852 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Welcome that the budget deal agreed between the Welsh Government and the Welsh Liberal Democrats ensured "that no construction of an M4 relief road would start before the next Assembly elections" in May 2016 and that a detailed Environmental Impact Study on the Welsh Government's preferred 'Black Route' would be commissioned.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
30	0	19	49

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **7 Voting Time**

The item started at 17.10

## **8 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.14

**NDM5853 Lynne Neagle (Torfaen)**

Tackling Youth Homelessness – end the use of bed and breakfast accommodation for all 16 and 17 year olds in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 17.37

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 November 2015**