

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 19 January 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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## Presiding Officer Statement

The item started at 13.30

The Presiding Officer announced in accordance with Standing Order 26.75, that the Renting Homes (Wales) Bill and the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill were given Royal Assent on 18 January.

### 1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 5 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

### Urgent Question (10 mins)

The item started at 14.16

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on claims by the head of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine in Wales that no A&E department in Wales had enough consultants to meet minimum RCEM staffing levels last year? EAQ(4)0676(HSS)

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.30



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**3 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Tata Steel**

The item started at 14.47

**4 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Health: Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service**

The item started at 15.59

**5 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Apprenticeships**

The item started at 16.35

**6 Statement by the Minister for Public Services: Update on the Devolved Services Reform Agenda**

The item started at 17.19

**7 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Recommendations and the future of the Blue Badges Scheme in Wales – Withdrawn**

This item was withdrawn

**8 The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016**

The item started at 17.56

**NDM5918 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 1 December 2015.

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

## 9 Debate on the Annual Report on Equality 2014 – 2015

The item started at 17.59

**NDM5919 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Annual Report on Equality 2014–2015.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure cuts to the Communities and Tackling Poverty budget do not adversely affect progress in creating more cohesive and inclusive communities in Wales.

**Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern the proposed cut of 68 per cent in core funding to Disability Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

**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 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that just over three quarters of hate crimes reported to Welsh police forces in 2012–2013 were racially motivated.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that only 13 per cent of Gypsy/Roma children and 17 per cent of looked-after children achieved GCSEs at grades A\*–C, in maths and either English or Welsh as a first language in 2014.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister to update the Assembly on her progress in improving gender dysphoria services in Wales, and calls for an independent feasibility study into establishing a gender identity clinic in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

**Amendment 5 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to move to 'name blank' recruitment wherever possible in the public sector so that people are judged on their true abilities to do a job.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

**Amendment 6 was agreed.**

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

**NDM5919 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Annual Report on Equality 2014–2015.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure cuts to the Communities and Tackling Poverty budget do not adversely affect progress in creating more cohesive and inclusive communities in Wales.
3. Notes that just over three quarters of hate crimes reported to Welsh police forces in 2012–2013 were racially motivated.
4. Regrets that only 13 per cent of Gypsy/Roma children and 17 per cent of looked-after children achieved GCSEs at grades A\*–C, in maths and either English or Welsh as a first language in 2014.
5. Calls on the Minister to update the Assembly on her progress in improving gender dysphoria services in Wales, and calls for an independent feasibility study into establishing a gender identity clinic in Wales.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to move to 'name blank' recruitment wherever possible in the public sector so that people are judged on their true abilities to do a job.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **10 Voting Time**

The item started at 18.43

The meeting concluded at 18.46

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 20 January 2016**