

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 28 September 2011**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru  
National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **1. Questions to the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development**

The first 11 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 5 were grouped together for answer. Question 6 and 11 were grouped together for answer.

**14.18**

### **2. Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage**

The first 10 questions were asked. Question 4 was transferred for written answer by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development. Question 8 was transferred for written answer by the First Minister.

**15.05**

### **POINT OF ORDER**

Jeff Cuthbert raised a Point of Order relating to Lindsay Whittle's speech where he referred to a town in his "constituency" rather than in his "region", given that he is the regional Member for South Wales East and not the constituency Member. Lindsay Whittle apologised and withdrew the remark. The Deputy Presiding Officer reminded Members again of the Presiding Officer's notice regarding how Members should describe themselves, as set out in Standing Order No. 1.10 and the 'Code on the Different Roles and Responsibilities of Constituency Members and Regional Members'. The Deputy Presiding Officer ruled that an inadvertent misuse will be dealt with with some leniency. However, any deliberate confusion will not be permitted, neither will any attempt to treat the rule with a degree of levity.

**15.07**

### **3. Welsh Conservatives Debate**

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM4810 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To Propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to

- a) Recognise the potential of small and medium sized businesses to grow the Welsh economy;
- b) Create the conditions needed for increased entrepreneurial activity in Wales; and
- c) Offer support that meets the needs of businesses.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	5	57

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

16.04

**4. Plaid Cymru Debate**

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM4812 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1) Believes that Wales is well served by its network of District General Hospitals; and
- 2) Calls on the Welsh Government to make a clear statement that it will not allow LHBs to centralise services away from District General Hospitals.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	45	57

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

In point 2, delete "make a clear statement that it will not allow LHBs to centralise services away from District General Hospitals" and replace with "support LHBs as they fulfill their responsibilities to plan and deliver services appropriately."

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	0	23	56

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was deselected.**

**Amendment 3 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

**Add new point at end of motion:**

Believes that patients are best served by services provided as close to patients' homes as possible, and which are clinically safe, utilising a network of district general hospitals, community hospitals and centres of excellence.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	2	0	57

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

**Amendment 4 - William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Add new point at end of motion:**

Believes that the National Clinical Forum, when established, must take into consideration the needs of District General Hospitals in any future reorganisation of the NHS.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	6	57

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1) Believes that Wales is well served by its network of District General Hospitals; and
- 2) Calls on the Welsh Government to support LHBs as they fulfill their responsibilities to plan and deliver services appropriately.
- 3) Believes that patients are best served by services provided as close to patients' homes as possible, and which are clinically safe, utilising a network of district general hospitals, community hospitals and centres of excellence.
- 4) Believes that the National Clinical Forum, when established, must take into consideration the needs of District General Hospitals in any future reorganisation of the NHS.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	23	57

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

17.07

## Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### NDM4811 Peter Black (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh government to ensure that its Welsh Jobs Fund is focused on employment and training opportunities in the private sector.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	0	52	56

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

### Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete "is focused on" and replace with "includes"

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	17	57

Amendment 1 was agreed.

### Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete 'in the private sector' and replace with 'in line with the Economic Renewal Programme.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	17	57

Amendment 2 was agreed.

### Amendment 3 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that private sector employment in Wales has witnessed a decrease of 3.7% between June 2010 and June 2011, the largest decrease in the UK.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

#### **Amendment 4 - William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely with local employers and training providers to identify opportunities through the Welsh Jobs Fund.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
57	0	0	57

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

#### **Amendment 5 - William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to scrap business rates for all small businesses in Wales with a rateable value of £12,000 or less to help maximise the impact of the Welsh Jobs Fund and assist with the creation of permanent jobs in the private sector.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
12	0	45	57

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

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

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh government to ensure that its Welsh Jobs Fund includes employment and training opportunities in line with the Economic Renewal Programme.

Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely with local employers and training providers to identify opportunities through the Welsh Jobs Fund.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
52	5	0	57

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**18.02**

**Voting Time**

**18.09**

**6. Short Debate**

**NDM4809 Mike Hedges (Swansea East):**

The Hidden Disability – Hearing Issues in Wales

The meeting concluded at 18:36

**The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 4 October 2011**