

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 2 November 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.

**14.16**

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

The first 10 questions were asked. Question 1 was transferred for written answer by the Minister for Education and Skills.

**15.06**

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

**NDM4838 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to facilitate the creation of jobs by enabling the private sector to grow through:

a) focusing economic development spending on measures that directly promote business growth;

b) reviewing Welsh Government regulation that affects businesses in Wales; and

c) assisting people in Wales to gain the skills to access increased employment opportunities.

**The Motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**16.06**

### **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:

**NDM4839 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a dairy action plan, that tackles the widespread unfair commercial practices inherent within the supply chain, and which includes provision for:

- a) a baseline standard raw milk contract;
- b) an enforceable code of practice to ensure fair dealings between farmers and dairy companies; and
- c) publication of transparent information on distribution of margins and wholesale prices.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

**16.54**

**5. 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:

**NDM4840 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Regrets the failure of Welsh government to effectively use EU funding to help raise the relative GDP of the West Wales and the Valleys region;
- 2. Recognises the valuable contribution of innovation and higher level skills programmes, such as the POWIS scheme, to raising GDP;
- 3. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a successor scheme to POWIS with similar aims and objectives.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	40	56

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to undertake a comprehensive assessment of its use of EU funding in West Wales and the Valleys.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	5	56

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes with concern the decline in the GDP for West Wales and the valleys from 66.8% of the EU average in 2000; to 64.4% (the latest figure available) in 2008.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	29	56

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Acknowledges the necessity for a wider engagement with the private sector to engender sustainable growth in the GDP of these regions.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Acknowledges the requirement, for EU funded schemes, to move away from “tick box regulations” to focusing upon viable outcomes.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

**NDM4840 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to undertake a comprehensive assessment of its use of EU funding in West Wales and the Valleys.
2. Acknowledges the requirement, for EU funded schemes, to move away from “tick box regulations” to focusing upon viable outcomes.
3. Acknowledges the necessity for a wider engagement with the private sector to engender sustainable growth in the GDP of these regions.
4. Recognises the valuable contribution of innovation and higher level skills programmes, such as the POWIS scheme, to raising GDP;
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a successor scheme to POWIS with similar aims and objectives.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	29	56

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

**18.01**

**Voting Time**

**18.05**

**6. Short Debate**

**NDM4837 Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):**

21st Century Towns?

The meeting concluded at 18.27.

**The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 8 November 2011**