

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 15 November 2011**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

(29)

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### **1. Questions to the First Minister**

All 15 questions were asked. Question 13 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

**14.23**

### **2. Business Statement and Announcement**

**14.31**

### **3. Debate on the Draft Budget**

**NDM4847 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.12:

Notes the Draft Budget for the financial year 2012–2013 laid in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House on 4 October 2011.

**In accordance with Standing Order 11.15 (i) the Government decided that any vote necessary would take place at the end of the debate.**

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**William Graham (South Wales East)**

**Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

**Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Declines to support the draft budget of the Welsh Government for 2012–13, laid in the Table Office on 4 October 2011 by the Minister for Finance, on the grounds that it does not adequately address:

- a) the financial pressures faced by the National Health Service;
- b) the worsening economic crisis;
- c) the financial pressures faced by schools to meet the needs of disadvantaged children; and
- d) the financial pressures on capital projects.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	29	58

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

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

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As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the motion. Therefore, the motion was not agreed.

## **16.29**

### **4. Debate on Sustainable Social Services**

#### **NDM4848 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the principles and priorities set out in Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action remain the foundation to transform social services and social care in Wales.
2. Notes the progress made in delivering Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action, including the new leadership arrangements put in place.

**In accordance with Standing Order 11.15 (i) the Government decided that any vote necessary would take place at the end of the debate.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Delete 'remain the foundation' in point 1 and replace with 'have the potential'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	27	52

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Notes the importance of effective and accountable leadership and that this is vital to improving Social Services in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	35	52

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets the Welsh Government's proposals to cut the Social Services Revenue Budget in real terms by 5.9% from 2011/12 to 2012/13.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	5	27	52

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

#### **Amendment 4 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the policy to develop a new National Outcomes Framework and calls on the Welsh Government to publish this Framework as a priority for action.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

#### **Amendment 5 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that future demographic changes will put increased pressure on social services, and calls on the Welsh government to forge closer working relationships between social services departments and local health boards.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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52	0	0	52
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**Amendment 5 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 6 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh government to increase the use of personalised budgets for people in receipt of care in order for them to receive a programme of care that is suitable for personal need.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	35	52

**Amendment 6 was not agreed.**

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

### **NDM4848 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

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2. Notes the progress made in delivering Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action, including the new leadership arrangements put in place.
3. Welcomes the policy to develop a new National Outcomes Framework and calls on the Welsh Government to publish this Framework as a priority for action.
4. Notes that future demographic changes will put increased pressure on social services, and calls on the Welsh government to forge closer working relationships between social services departments and local health boards.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

The meeting concluded at 17.32

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30 on Wednesday, 16 November 2011**