

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 23 November 2011**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **Election of a Temporary Deputy Presiding Officer**

Rhodri Glyn Thomas was elected as temporary Deputy Presiding Officer.

**13.31**

#### **1. Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House**

The first 11 questions were asked.

**14.14**

#### **2. Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science**

All 14 questions were asked.

**14.50**

#### **URGENT QUESTION 1**

**Peter Black (South Wales West):** What action is the Minister taking following the death of two babies from an E coli infection in Swansea?

**14.57**

#### **URGENT QUESTION 2**

**Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** What action is the Welsh Government taking following the announcement of the closure of Swansea Coastguard Station?

**15.08**

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

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

## **NDM4858 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that:

- a) investing in transport infrastructure is necessary to deliver economic growth across Wales;
- b) Cardiff Airport, our international gateway, is failing to effectively market Wales and expand its air routes and needs urgent Welsh Government support and leadership; and
- c) the Welsh Government's lack of vision or ambition for creating a world leading transport network.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) set out a marketing programme to attract the aviation sector into Wales and review and invest in public access to Cardiff International Airport;
- b) review the current service stations and truck stops along main carriageways across Wales and detail a programme of investment; and
- c) review and reassess the use of European funding programmes for transport infrastructure projects across Wales.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete sub-point 1b) and replace with:

Concerns exist that there is a need to increase the economic impact of Cardiff Airport, and to develop new air routes, and that the Welsh Government is therefore working with the owners to stimulate further business activity and enhance international connectivity.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>55</b>

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete sub-point 1c).

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	26	55

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 3 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

In point 2a) before ‘set’ insert:

‘Work with the owners of Cardiff Airport to’

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	12	55

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

Insert as new sub point 2b) and renumber accordingly:

b) Continue to campaign for the devolution of Air Passenger Duty to Wales;

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	12	0	55

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the Welsh government and UK government to begin work on a delivery plan for electrifying the Valleys Lines

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

**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 scrap the subsidy to the North–South air–link at the earliest opportunity and to rule out subsidising additional airlines.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	0	51	55

**Amendment 6 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 7 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at the end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to engage in a dialogue with Network Rail and public transport operators to improve cross border links between North Wales and Manchester and Liverpool Airports.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

**Amendment 7 was agreed.**

**Amendment 8 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at the end of motion:

Supports on-going work by both Swansea Council and the Welsh Government to draw up a business case to extend electrification of the main line as far as Swansea.

A vote was taken on Amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

**Amendment 8 was agreed.**

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

**NDM4858 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that:

a) investing in transport infrastructure is necessary to deliver economic growth across Wales;

b) Concerns exist that there is a need to increase the economic impact of Cardiff Airport, and to develop new air routes, and that the Welsh Government is therefore working with the owners to stimulate further business activity and enhance international connectivity.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) Work with the owners of Cardiff Airport to set out a marketing programme to attract the aviation sector into Wales and review and invest in public access to Cardiff International Airport;

b) Continue to campaign for the devolution of Air Passenger Duty to Wales;

c) review the current service stations and truck stops along main carriageways across Wales and detail a programme of investment; and

d) review and reassess the use of European funding programmes for transport infrastructure projects across Wales.

3. Calls for the Welsh government and UK government to begin work on a delivery plan for electrifying the Valleys Lines

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to engage in a dialogue with Network Rail and public transport operators to improve cross border links between North Wales and Manchester and Liverpool Airports.

5. Supports on-going work by both Swansea Council and the Welsh Government to draw up a business case to extend electrification of the main line as far as Swansea.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

16.07

#### 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:

#### **NDM4860 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges the essential role that nurses, including specialist nurses, play within the NHS.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) maintain the nursing bursary scheme as it currently operates;

b) ensure continuous professional development in the nursing profession; and

c) develop an adequate network of specialist nurses.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	12	33	55

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete sub-point 2a) and replace with:

ensure that in changing the bursary scheme for nurses the principles of equality and equity have been applied.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	0	21	54

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Insert as new sub point 2a) and renumber accordingly: ‘define and develop the role of Prescribing Nurses in Wales’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

#### **Amendment 3 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete sub–point 2c) and replace with:

ensure LHBs plan and maintain an adequate network of specialist nurses.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	26	55

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

Add as new sub–point at end of point 2:

‘improve security and enhance the safe working environment for nurses.’

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

Add as a new sub–point at the end of point 2:

ensure that every nurse has access to the training they require to enable them to be fully effective in their role.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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55	0	0	55
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**Amendment 5 was agreed.**

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

**NDM4860 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges the essential role that nurses, including specialist nurses, play within the NHS.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) define and develop the role of Prescribing Nurses in Wales;
  - b) ensure that in changing the bursary scheme for nurses the principles of equality and equity have been applied;
  - c) ensure continuous professional development in the nursing profession;
  - d) ensure LHBs plan and maintain an adequate network of specialist nurses;
  - e) improve security and enhance the safe working environment for nurses; and
  - f) ensure that every nurse has access to the training they require to enable them to be fully effective in their role.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	10	55

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**17.04**

**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:

**NDM4859 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that:
  - a) the number of private empty homes in Wales currently stands at around 26,000;
  - b) empty homes cause a social and environmental blight on local communities;
  - c) there is an increasing demand for social housing within Wales.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop an empty homes strategy which includes:

- a) assistance for councils and housing associations to make use of empty homes as social housing;
- b) allowing councils greater flexibility to impose punitive council tax rates on long term empty homes so as to encourage owners to bring them back into use and to compensate communities for the blight they impose locally;
- c) making representations to the UK government to reduce the rate of VAT on building repairs and improvement work to existing buildings;
- d) exploring the possibility of providing low cost loans to owners to encourage the re-development of empty homes as affordable housing for rent.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	12	10	54

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

**17.59**

**Voting Time**

**18.09**

**6. Short Debate**

**NDM4861 Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy):**

A Charter for Grandchildren

The meeting concluded at 18.33.

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30 on Tuesday, 29 November 2011**