

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 28 February 2012**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### 1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13:30.

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

### Urgent Question

The item started at 14.31.

**Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister provide an update on the spread of the Schmallenberg virus and its implications for the Welsh agricultural industry.

### 2. Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.41.

### 3. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Welfare Reform

The item started at 14.49.

### 4. Statement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science: The Wales Economic Growth Fund

The item started at 15:26.

### 5. Debate on The Draft International Health Framework

The item started at 16.00.

**NDM4922 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the draft International Health Framework, which was emailed to Members on 20 February 2012; and

2. Notes the Framework's approach to:

a) strengthening Wales' health links within the international health community; and

b) heightening the visibility of the wider Welsh health community beyond our borders.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to recognise the importance of attracting the best international health minds to Wales through world class higher education research activities.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government has decided to implement 8.4% real terms cuts on the Welsh NHS which may inhibit its ability to increase and improve international links.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	41	53

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Wales' health 'lags behind the regions and countries of the world that achieve the very best health outcomes'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	9	28	53

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 4 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh government to use its links within the international health community to investigate options for a programme to reduce hospital admissions as has been successfully trialled in Camden, New Jersey.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

**NDM4922 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

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2. Notes the Framework's approach to:
  - a) strengthening Wales' health links within the international health community; and
  - b) heightening the visibility of the wider Welsh health community beyond our borders.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to recognise the importance of attracting the best international health minds to Wales through world class higher education research activities; and
4. Calls on the Welsh government to use its links within the international health community to investigate options for a programme to reduce hospital admissions as has been successfully trialled in Camden, New Jersey.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**6. Debate on The Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales' Annual Report**

The item started at 16.44.

**NDM4921 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales' Annual Report 'Meet the Challenge, lead the change'.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern at a recent report from the Public Health Wales Observatory showing that the gap in life expectancy between the richest and poorest in Wales has widened, and urges the Welsh Government to take action, in conjunction with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, to reduce health inequalities in Wales.

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern at findings in the annual report, noting how disabled people are four times more likely to be victims of crime than non-disabled people, and urges the Welsh Government to take appropriate action to tackle issues such as disability-related harassment and disability hate crime.

**Amendment 2 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the concern raised by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in ‘An Anatomy of Economic Inequality in Wales’, that pupils on free school meals are 2.5 times less likely to get A\*-C grades in core subjects than their peers, and welcomes the Pupil Deprivation Grant which aims to improve this situation.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	12	0	53

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

### **NDM4921 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales’ Annual Report ‘Meet the Challenge, lead the change’.
2. Expresses concern at a recent report from the Public Health Wales Observatory showing that the gap in life expectancy between the richest and poorest in Wales has widened, and urges the Welsh Government to take action, in conjunction with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, to reduce health inequalities in Wales.
3. Expresses concern at findings in the annual report, noting how disabled people are four times more likely to be victims of crime than non-disabled people, and urges the Welsh Government to take appropriate action to tackle issues such as disability-related harassment and disability hate crime.
4. Notes the concern raised by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in ‘An Anatomy of Economic Inequality in Wales’, that pupils on free school meals are 2.5 times less likely to get A\*-C grades in core subjects than their peers, and welcomes the Pupil Deprivation Grant which aims to improve this situation.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**Voting Time**

Voting Time started at 17.30.

The meeting concluded at 17:32

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 29 February 2012**