

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 24 April 2012**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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Cymru

National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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

The item started at 13.30.

Questions 1–7, 9–11 and 13–15 were asked. Question 8 was not asked. Question 12 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

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

The item started at 14.25.

### **3. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills: The Welsh Government's approach to employer engagement on Skills**

The item started at 14.40.

### **4. Statement by the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House: The Welsh Government Equality Objectives and Strategic Equality Plan**

The item started at 15.15.

### **5. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Introduction of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 15.52.

### **6. Motion to approve the General Principles of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 16.36

**NDM4959 Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill.

The Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 28 November 2011;

The report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee on the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 30 March 2012.

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

**7. Debate on The Climate Change Strategy for Wales: First Annual Progress Report**

The item started at 17.13

**NDM4960 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

(a) the Climate Change Strategy for Wales: First Annual Progress Report; and

(b) the progress being made to deliver the Welsh Government's commitments to tackle climate change.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern that:

a) the 1990/2009 Green House Gas trend in the report suggests that the 40% reduction target for 2020 will not be met; and

b) the delivery of the 3% annual reduction target may only be possible at present by the virtue of the economic downturn.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24  | 0       | 26      | 50    |

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

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

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the creation of sustainable, low carbon green jobs will help tackle climate change.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 50  | 0       | 0       | 50    |

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

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

Add new point at end of motion:

Call on the Welsh Government to take urgent steps to update the Ecological Footprint for Wales and adopt a consumption measure of emissions in order to fully measure Green House Gas emissions from imported goods and services from elsewhere in the world.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 50  | 0       | 0       | 50    |

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward proposals to extend the Arbed scheme as recommended by the Commission in the report.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 50  | 0       | 0       | 50    |

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government is not taking sufficient action to meet its 3% emissions target.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 24  | 0       | 26      | 50    |

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to invest in schemes to improve home energy efficiency which will have an impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 50  | 0       | 0       | 50    |

**Amendment 6 was agreed.**

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

**NDM4960 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

(a) the Climate Change Strategy for Wales: First Annual Progress Report;

(b) the progress being made to deliver the Welsh Government's commitments to tackle climate change;

(c) believes that the creation of sustainable, low carbon green jobs will help tackle climate change;

(d) calls on the Welsh Government to take urgent steps to update the Ecological Footprint for Wales and adopt a consumption measure of emissions in order to fully measure Green House Gas emissions from imported goods and services from elsewhere in the world;

(e) calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward proposals to extend the Arbed scheme as recommended by the Commission in the report; and

(f) calls on the Welsh Government to invest in schemes to improve home energy efficiency which will have an impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 49  | 0       | 1       | 50    |

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**Voting Time**

Voting Time started at 17.56

The meeting concluded at 17.59

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 25 April 2012**