

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 25 April 2012**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru

National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **1. Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services**

The item started at 13.30.

Questions 1–6 and 8–15 were asked. Question 7 was not asked. Question 11 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services.

### **2. Questions to the Counsel General**

The item started at 14.13.

All 2 questions were asked.

### **3. Questions to the Assembly Commission**

The item started at 14.17.

The first 4 questions were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. Questions 1–3 were answered by Peter Black. Question 4 was answered by Rhodri Glyn Thomas.

### **4. Debate on the Petitions Committee's report on the Maritime and Coastguard Agency in Wales**

The item started at 14.28.

#### **NDM4962 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee on the Maritime and Coastguard Agency in Wales, which was laid in the Table Office on 23 February 2012.

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

## 5. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15:19.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### **NDM4963 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the difficult economic climate highlights the importance of public bodies acting in a manner which ensures best possible value for money;
2. Commends any efforts by local authorities to make savings in order to provide value for taxpayer's money;
3. Further notes that there is still too much waste at the Local Government level; and
4. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to lead by example in driving forward the value for money agenda.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	38	51

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete point 4.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	17	51

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 2 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the value for money delivered by Liberal Democrat-led local authorities which has enabled them to deliver low council tax rises over the last four years.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	9	38	51

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM4963 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the difficult economic climate highlights the importance of public bodies acting in a manner which ensures best possible value for money;
2. Commends any efforts by local authorities to make savings in order to provide value for taxpayer's money; and
3. Further notes that there is still too much waste at the Local Government level.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	13	51

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**6. Plaid Cymru Debate**

The item started at 16.19.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM4964 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges:
  - a) the value of services provided by local authorities;
  - b) that local authorities are vital to the sustainability of local economies;
  - c) that it is important that local authorities are good, responsible employers; and
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to promote good practice among local authorities, including the creation of partnerships, which meet local needs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	17	51

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

**Voting Time**

Voting Time started at 17.13.

**7. Short Debate**

The item started at 17.16.

**NDM4961 Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)**

Abandonment or Marginalisation: What is happening to the Fourth Estate in Wales?

A debate on the role of the media in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 17.46.

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 1 May 2012**