

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 26 June 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.

Questions 1 – 3, 5 and 7 – 15 were asked. Questions 4 and 6 were withdrawn.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 14:22.

### **3. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Launch of the Consultation on Reform of the Legislative Framework for Special Educational Needs**

The item started at 14:33.

### **4. Statement by the Counsel General: Access to Welsh laws and developing a Welsh statute book – an update**

The item started at 15:17.

### **5. Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children (Wales) Regulations 2012**

The item started at 16:01.

#### **NDM5019 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children (Wales) Regulations 2012 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 29 May 2012.

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

## **6. Legislative Consent Motion on the Local Government Finance Bill**

The item started at 16:14.

### **NDM5002 Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that the provisions of the Local Government Finance Bill in so far as they fall within legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 28 May 2012 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(iii).

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

The result was as follows:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
27	11	14	52

**The motion was agreed.**

## **7. Debate on Public Service Reform**

The item started at 16:38

### **NDM5018 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:  
Notes the Public Service Reform Agenda in Wales.

**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 as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the importance of Local Authorities engaging with the public, private and third sectors to further advance quality, sustainable and efficient user-led public service delivery across Wales.

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

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges the benefits of streamlining public services under a single integrated plan, and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure no service provision is reduced or downgraded through this process.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	41	52

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to recognise the importance of transparency and accountability in all aspects of public service delivery in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways of increasing public confidence in the delivery of all Welsh public service provision.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	9	52

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to reduce the number of ring-fenced grants and to transfer this funding into the Revenue Support Grant for local authorities as part of its Public Service Reform Agenda.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

**Amendment 5 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the costs of delivering the Compact for Change will be borne by the Welsh Government and not local authorities.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	9	27	52

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

### **Amendment 7 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work towards establishing a distinct Welsh public service.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

Amendment 7 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

### **NDM5018 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Public Service Reform Agenda in Wales.

Acknowledges the importance of Local Authorities engaging with the public, private and third sectors to further advance quality, sustainable and efficient user-led public service delivery across Wales.

Calls on the Welsh Government to recognise the importance of transparency and accountability in all aspects of public service delivery in Wales.

Calls on the Welsh Government to examine ways of increasing public confidence in the delivery of all Welsh public service provision.

Calls on the Welsh Government to reduce the number of ring-fenced grants and to transfer this funding into the Revenue Support Grant for local authorities as part of its Public Service Reform Agenda.

Calls on the Welsh Government to work towards establishing a distinct Welsh public service.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

### **Voting Time**

Voting Time started at 17:30

The meeting concluded at 17:33

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 27 June 2012**