

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 15 January 2014**

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

The first 10 questions were asked. Question 9 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Services.

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

The item started at 14.21

Both questions were asked.

### **3 Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty**

The item started at 14.25

All 15 questions were asked. Question 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Tackling Poverty.

### **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.10

#### **NDM5397 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Notes recent Welsh international rugby successes and the importance of rugby to the culture and economy of Wales.
2. Notes the current discussions between the WRU and Regional Rugby Wales regarding the future of Welsh rugby and recognises the importance of developing and maintaining a strong grassroots and regional structure to enable the sport to develop and thrive throughout Wales.
3. Believes that a strong platform for Welsh rugby requires national and regional bodies and clubs to work together constructively to create a strong financial footing for the future well-being of the sport and hopes for a timely resolution to current negotiations.

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

## **5 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 16.06

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

### **NDM5398 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England are stronger together as part of a United Kingdom.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
13	0	44	57

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Delete all and replace with:

1. Believes that the relationships between the nations of Britain will be strengthened by respecting the right of the peoples of Britain to determine their individual national futures.

2. Further believes that a new social and economic settlement of equal partners would best provide an enduring and fair context for cooperation in these islands.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	47	58

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

### **Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert at end of motion:

‘with greater powers devolved to each of the constituent nations’

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	13	0	58

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 3 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes what devolution has done to enhance democracy in Scotland and Wales and its contribution to the peace process in Northern Ireland.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England are stronger together as part of a United Kingdom with greater powers devolved to each of the constituent nations.

2. Welcomes what devolution has done to enhance democracy in Scotland and Wales and its contribution to the peace process in Northern Ireland.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	11	58

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 6 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 17.01

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

### NDM5399 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop and implement a new national NHS workforce plan for the next decade and to significantly increase the medical workforce in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	47	58

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete ‘and to significantly increase the medical workforce in Wales’ and replace with ‘to address recruitment challenges in the Welsh health service’

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	11	58

Amendment 1 was agreed.

#### Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to outline how it intends to use the additional £180 million allocated to the Welsh health service for 2014–15 following the

recommendations of the Francis Report, to respond to workforce issues within the Welsh NHS.

The Francis Report is available at:

<http://www.midstaffspublicinquiry.com/report>

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Welsh Government recruitment campaigns, such as Work for Wales, have done little to alleviate the shortage of clinicians in some disciplines.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

**As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that uncertainty over the future of services in some Welsh hospitals has been detrimental to the recruitment of staff.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

**As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.**

### **Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the high spend on locum and agency staff across health boards in Wales as a result of workforce challenges.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

#### **Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the necessity of a properly resourced NHS and the importance of investment in training and permanent posts.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
57	0	0	57

**Amendment 6 was agreed.**

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

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop and implement a new national NHS workforce plan for the next decade and to address recruitment challenges in the Welsh health service.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to outline how it intends to use the additional £180 million allocated to the Welsh health service for 2014–15 following the recommendations of the Francis Report, to respond to workforce issues within the Welsh NHS.

The Francis Report is available at:

<http://www.midstaffspublicinquiry.com/report>

3. Recognises the necessity of a properly resourced NHS and the importance of investment in training and permanent posts.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	30	59

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion as amended. Therefore, the motion as amended was not agreed.

#### **VOTING TIME**

The item started at 18.01

#### **Votes Summary**

#### **7 Short Debate**

The item started at 18.08

#### **NDM5391 Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West): Why trade unionism still matters in Wales**

Exploring how trade unions have evolved in Wales as they continue to represent their members' interests and concerns, particularly in the current austerity climate.

The meeting concluded at 18:25

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 21 January 2014**