

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 17 September 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru  
National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **Presiding Officer Statement**

The Presiding Officer announced that in accordance with Standing Order 26.75, the Housing (Wales) Bill has today been given Royal Assent.

#### **1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills**

The item started at 13:30

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister for Education and Skills after Question 2. Question 3 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology.

#### **2 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport**

The item started at 14:18

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport after Question 2. Question 4 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism. Question 5 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology. Question 7 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Farming and Food.

#### **3 Debate on the Enterprise and Business Committee's Report on its Inquiry into EU funding opportunities 2014–2020**

The item started at 15:08

#### **NDM5563 William Graham (South Wales East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Enterprise and Business Committee on its Inquiry into EU funding opportunities 2014–2020, which was laid in the Table Office on 16 July 2014.

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

#### **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15:53

#### **NDM5565 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England are better together and that Scotland should choose to remain in the UK on 18 September 2014.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

O blaid	Ymatal	Yn erbyn	Cyfanswm
9	0	37	46

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

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all after 'National Assembly for Wales' and replace with:

1. Believes that Scotland's future is a matter for the people of Scotland.
2. Further believes that strong relations between the nations of these islands are best served through a spirit of cooperation and equality.
3. Notes that the entrenchment of the Barnett Formula, as pledged by the UK parties in the 'No' campaign for the referendum on 18 September 2014, would be to the detriment of Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

O blaid	Ymatal	Yn erbyn	Cyfanswm
9	0	37	46

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan), Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that whatever the result, Wales should speak with one voice, and calls for a swift implementation of the recommendations of Parts 1 and 2 of the Commission on Devolution in Wales and for a UK-wide constitutional convention to be established to draft a plan for a new union.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	9	0	46

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

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

**NDM5565 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England are better together and that Scotland should choose to remain in the UK on 18 September 2014.
2. Believes that whatever the result, Wales should speak with one voice, and calls for a swift implementation of the recommendations of Parts 1 and 2 of the Commission on Devolution in Wales and for a UK-wide constitutional convention to be established to draft a plan for a new union.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	9	9	46

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**5 Plaid Cymru Debate**

The item started at 16:53

### **NDM5562 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 266,000 workers in Wales are paid less than the living wage.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work towards creating a living wage in Wales through:
  - a) establishing the living wage throughout the Welsh public sector;
  - b) working with employers to explain the benefits of paying the living wage; and
  - c) making representations to the Low Pay Commission to ensure that the minimum wage rises to the level of the living wage by 2020.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
33	0	13	46

**The motion without amendment was agreed.**

### **Voting Time**

The item started at 17:44

### **6 Short Debate**

The item started at 17:47

### **NDM5564 Suzy Davies (South Wales West)**

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### **Votes Summary**

The meeting concluded at 18.06

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 23 September 2014**