

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 20 January 2015**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru  
National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### 1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked.

The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

#### Urgent Question

The item started at 14.21

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister make a statement on a significant drop in Wales's performance in accident and emergency waiting times?

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.35

### 3 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism: Our Past and Its Future

The item started at 14.51

#### **4 The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015**

The item started at 15.34

##### **NDM5668 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 Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 11 December 2014.

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

#### **5 The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2015**

The item started at 15.38

##### **NDM5667 Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 25.15:

Approves the draft The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2015.

The draft Order and Explanatory Memorandum were laid in the Table Office on 9 December.

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

#### **6 Voting Time**

There was no voting time

At 15.45, proceedings were suspended for 10 minutes. The bell was rung 5 minutes before reconvening for Stage 3 proceedings on the Higher Education (Wales) Bill.

## **7 Stage 3 Standing Order 26.44 debate on the Higher Education (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 15.45

The amendments will be disposed of in the order that the sections and schedules to which they relate were set out in the motion under Standing Order 26.36 agreed by the Assembly on 13 January 2015.

A vote was taken on Amendment 26:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
27	0	28	55

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 1 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 34:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
26	0	27	53

Amendment 34 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 28:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
27	0	28	55

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.

A vote was taken on Amendment 35:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
27	0	28	55

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 3 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

As amendment 28 was not agreed, amendment 29 fell.

Amendment 5 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 27:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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.

As amendment 28 was not agreed, amendment 30 fell.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6A:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6B:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 31:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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.

A vote was taken on Amendment 32:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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 7 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 8 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 36:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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.

A vote was taken on Amendment 37:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

Amendment 37 was not agreed.

Amendment 9 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 10 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 11 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 12 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 13 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 14 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 38:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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 15 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 16:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	5	54

Amendment 16 was agreed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 39:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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 17 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 43:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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.

A vote was taken on Amendment 40:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	12	27	54

Amendment 40 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 44:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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.

As amendment 28 was not agreed, amendment 33 fell.

A vote was taken on Amendment 41:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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 18 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 19 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 20 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 21 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 22 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on Amendment 42:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	39	53

Amendment 42 was not agreed.

Amendment 23 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 24 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 25 was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

All sections and schedules of the Bill were deemed agreed, concluding Stage 3 proceedings.

The meeting concluded at 18.12

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 21 January 2015