

# Plenary

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Meeting date:

**Wednesday, 24 June 2015**

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 6 questions were asked. Questions 4 and 5 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Health. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

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

The question was withdrawn.

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

No questions tabled.

### **4 Debate on the Queen's Speech**

The item started at 14.17

In accordance with Standing Order 11.15 (i) the Business Committee decided that any vote necessary would take place at the end of the debate.

## **NDM5792 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2015/2016.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

### **Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the proposed Wales Bill does not implement in full the recommendations of the cross-party Silk Commission and calls on the UK Government to implement the full recommendations without hesitation.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
34	0	10	44

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern the return of the Investigatory Powers Bill, a new form of the so-called 'Snooper's Charter' which was regularly blocked by Liberal Democrats during the UK Coalition Government, and opposes the UK Government having powers to monitor individuals' communications data.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
12	0	32	44

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

### **Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the UK Government's proposed Wales Bill falls short of offering comparable powers as those available to, or on offer to Scotland.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	3	10	44

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

**Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the UK Government's intention to bring forward proposals to abolish the Human Rights Act 1998.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	10	44

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

**Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the UK Government's rejection of a double-majority clause in the EU Referendum Bill and the decision to block 16 and 17-year-olds from voting in that referendum.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	22	13	44

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM5792 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2015/2016.
2. Regrets that the proposed Wales Bill does not implement in full the recommendations of the cross-party Silk Commission and calls on the UK Government to implement the full recommendations without hesitation.
3. Regrets that the UK Government's proposed Wales Bill falls short of offering comparable powers as those available to, or on offer to Scotland.
4. Regrets the UK Government's intention to bring forward proposals to abolish the Human Rights Act 1998.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	3	10	44

**The motion, as amended was agreed**

## **5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate**

The item started at 16.17

**A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:**

### **NDM5790 Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the value of distinctive Welsh-language broadcasting and the important contribution of S4C in safeguarding our Welsh language and enriching the culture of Wales;
2. Opposes any further cuts in S4C funding by the UK Government Department for Culture, Media and Sport, which could threaten the future of this channel; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to make representations to the UK Government on the importance of maintaining the editorial, managerial and operational independence of S4C and the need for a sustainable funding basis to protect the future of Welsh-language broadcasting.

**The motion without amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **6 Voting Time**

There was no voting time

## **7 Short Debate – Postponed to 7 July 2015**

### **NDM5793 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)**

The Dyfed–Powys police helicopter: why the X99 provides vital support to public safety in Mid and West Wales.

The meeting concluded at 16.56

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 30 June 2015**