

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 28 June 2011**

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

All 15 questions were asked.

14.35

### 2. Business Statement and Announcement

14.46

#### POINT OF ORDER

Further to the point of order raised by the Minister for Education and Skills, Leighton Andrews, in relation to remarks made by the Member for North Wales, Antoinette Sandbach, on 22 June, the Presiding Officer having reflected further, reinforced the ruling that each individual Member is responsible for the content and accuracy of their contributions. Should those contributions be shown to be inaccurate, the Presiding Officer expects Members to withdraw their remarks immediately and to apologise. When calling a Member to respond to a Point of Order, although they may wish to clarify their remarks, it is not an opportunity to prolong the exchange by engaging in further debate. If there is any doubt as to what has been said, Members should refrain from making any further points and take the opportunity to review the Record of what is said once it is published.

The Presiding Officer also reminded Members of the principle that Members should treat each other with respect and courtesy and comply with the directions given from the Chair. While debate in the Assembly should be robust, the Presiding Officer ruled that minor issues of language, or points of little relevance to the debate in question or to the public, should not routinely be the subject of Points of Order.

14.48

### 3. Motion to approve The Welsh Language Commissioner (Appointment) Regulations 2011

**NDM4745 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 Welsh Language Commissioner (Appointment) Regulations 2011 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 1 June 2011.

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

**NDM4745 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 Welsh Language Commissioner (Appointment) Regulations 2011 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 1 June 2011.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	10	2	54

**The motion was agreed.**

**15.06**

**4. Debate on Social Services**

**NDM4746 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the values, principles and vision set out in "Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action" are the key to delivering on our ambition for social services in Wales; and

2. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to developing and leading the change programme required to ensure that social services continue to meet the needs and aspirations of our citizens.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

In point 2, delete the words 'continue to'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	29	54

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Delete point 2.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 3 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the benefits of the use of direct payments to social care users and calls upon the Welsh Government to promote their use where appropriate.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

**Amendment 4 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a delivery plan for sustainable social services outlining its 'commitment to developing and leading the change programme'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	11	54

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

**Amendment 5 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Insert as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to rapidly increase the use of Personal Budgets for care services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM4746 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that the values, principles and vision set out in "Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action" are the key to delivering on our ambition for social services in Wales; and
2. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to developing and leading the change programme required to ensure that social services continue to meet the needs and aspirations of our citizens.
3. Recognises the benefits of the use of direct payments to social care users and calls upon the Welsh Government to promote their use where appropriate.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a delivery plan for sustainable social services outlining its 'commitment to developing and leading the change programme'.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**15.57**

## **5. Debate on Front Line Resources Review**

**NDM4747 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Supports the Government's drive, through the Front Line Resources Review, to shift resources from administrative and support functions to front line teaching and learning, and to raise education performance and learner attainment across Wales.
2. Welcomes the contribution to the Front Line Resources Review of the Report of the Independent Task and Finish Group on the Structure of Education Services in Wales.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

### **Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Insert at the end of point 1:

'with the aim in particular of ensuring children leaving primary school are able to read, write and count to the expected standard'

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

### **Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Insert as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need to take into account Wales' unique geography when forming any future regional education consortia.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	10	54

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 3 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Insert as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need to draw upon the expertise of teachers when formulating policy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

### **Amendment 4 - Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Insert as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that a multi-agency approach is crucial in improving Wales' educational performance.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

### **NDM4747 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Supports the Government's drive, through the Front Line Resources Review, to shift resources from administrative and support functions to front line teaching and learning, and to raise education performance and learner attainment across Wales.
2. Welcomes the contribution to the Front Line Resources Review of the Report of the Independent Task and Finish Group on the Structure of Education Services in Wales.
3. Recognises the need to take into account Wales' unique geography when forming any future regional education consortia.
4. Recognises the need to draw upon the expertise of teachers when formulating policy.
5. Recognises that a multi-agency approach is crucial in improving Wales' educational performance

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

**16.43**

**Voting Time**

**16.48**

**6. Short Debate**

**NDM4744 Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Lost in Transition

The meeting concluded at 17.20

**The Assembly will sit again at Plenary at 13:30 on Wednesday, 29 June 2011**