

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 7 February 2012**

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**

The item started at 13:30.

All 14 questions were asked. Question 10 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

### **2. Business Statement and Announcement**

The item started at 14:24.

### **3. Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: Update on the Isle of Anglesey County Council**

The item started at 14:38.

### **4. Statement by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development: Climate Change Commission for Wales First Annual Report**

The item started at 15:00.

### **5. Debate on Teaching Makes a Difference**

The item started at 15.31

#### **NDM4908 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the quality of teaching and leadership is key to transforming school performance, and

2. Welcomes the steps taken to introduce a Master's in Educational Practice from this autumn, the introduction of new professional standards for teachers including literacy and numeracy requirements, and the new performance management regulations for teachers and headteachers.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete Point 1 and replace with:

Recognises the contribution made by the many outstanding school teachers and leaders in Wales as a key driver in transforming school performance.

**Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36**

**Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Insert as new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Notes with concern the assessment in Estyn's Annual Report 2010/11 that "there has been a significant drop in the proportion of 'excellent' or 'outstanding' teaching being identified."

**Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36**

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

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

In Point 2: Delete 'Welcomes' and replace with 'Notes'

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	38	56

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to further identify and evaluate variations in teaching standards across Wales and prioritise actions to address any concerns accordingly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	9	56

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the optional nature of the Master's qualification means that the training needs of all newly qualified teachers may not be completely addressed.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	13	38	56

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

#### **Amendment 6 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the validation and monitoring of the Master's qualification is conducted according to the highest international standards.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	2	56

**Amendment 6 was agreed.**

#### **Amendment 7 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to review the National Professional Qualification for Headship.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	7	31	56

**Amendment 7 was not agreed.**

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

#### **NDM4908 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the contribution made by the many outstanding school teachers and leaders in Wales as a key driver in transforming school performance.
2. Notes with concern the assessment in Estyn's Annual Report 2010/11 that "there has been a significant drop in the proportion of 'excellent' or 'outstanding' teaching being identified.
3. Welcomes the steps taken to introduce a Master's in Educational Practice from this autumn, the introduction of new professional standards for teachers including literacy and numeracy requirements, and the new performance management regulations for teachers and headteachers.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to further identify and evaluate variations in teaching standards across Wales and prioritise actions to address any concerns accordingly.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the validation and monitoring of the Master's qualification is conducted according to the highest international standards.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **6. Debate on Working Smarter – A new approach to regulation in the Agriculture Industry**

The item started at 16.26

### **NDM4907 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes “Working Smarter – A report of recommendations to the Welsh Government on better regulation in Farming”

The following amendments were tabled:

#### **Amendment 1 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Delete 'Notes' and replace with 'Welcomes'.

**Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36**

#### **Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish regular updates on its progress toward meeting each of the 74 recommendations within the timescales set out in paragraph 17.1 of the Report.

**Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36**

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the report recognises that “Anything less than the delivered outcomes should be regarded as a failure unless policies have determined that a changed result is desirable.”

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	29	56

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the recommendations from the Report are implemented as soon as possible.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	29	56

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

#### **Amendment 5 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the report's view that Glastir was “introduced too soon and in a rushed fashion before the scheme policy detail was properly developed in a true partnership with stakeholders.”

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	37	55

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

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

#### **NDM4907 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Welcomes “Working Smarter – A report of recommendations to the Welsh Government on better regulation in Farming”

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish regular updates on its progress toward meeting each of the 74 recommendations within the timescales set out in paragraph 17.1 of the Report.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

Voting Time started at 17.12

The meeting concluded at 17.15

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30 on Wednesday, 8 February 2012**