

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 21 January 2014**

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

The Presiding Officer welcomed a delegation from the Canadian Parliament who were in the Public Gallery.

#### Urgent Questions

The item started at 14.18

##### Urgent Question 1

**Janet Finch Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement on the implications for local authorities and public service providers in Wales of the recommendations proposed by the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery?

The item started at 14.25

##### Urgent Question 2

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the suspension of non-urgent elective surgery in the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board area?

## **2 Business Statement and Announcement**

The item started at 14.33

## **3 Motions to elect Members to committees**

The item started at 14.46

### **NDM5408 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Alun Ffred Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Finance Committee in place of Simon Thomas (Plaid Cymru).

### **NDM5409 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Alun Ffred Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Public Accounts Committee in place of Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru).

### **NDM5410 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Dafydd Elis-Thomas (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Enterprise and Business Committee in place of Alun Ffred Jones (Plaid Cymru).

### **NDM5411 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister in place of Elin Jones (Plaid Cymru).

**The motions were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **4 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Hywel Dda Service Change Plans**

The item started at 14.47

**5 Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business: Local Government Performance – Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – postponed**

The item started at 15.47

**6 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Improving the Energy Performance of Buildings in Wales**

The item started at 15.47

**7 The Legislative Reform (Payments by Parish Councils, Community Councils and Charter Trustees) Order 2013**

The item started at 16.20

**NDM5359 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales agrees, in accordance with section 11(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006, and Standing Order 30A.10, that the Secretary of State makes the Legislative Reform (Payments by Parish Councils, Community Councils and Charter Trustees) Order 2013, in accordance with the draft laid in Table Office on 12 November 2013.

The Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum was laid in Table Office on 12 November 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 30A.2.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

**8 Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion on the Children and Families Bill in relation to the regulation of retail packaging of tobacco products, the regulation of tobacco products themselves and the creation of associated offences**

The item started at 16.23

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

**NDM5389 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Children and Families Bill relating to the regulation of retail packaging of tobacco products, the regulation of tobacco products themselves and the creation of associated offences in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 17 December 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(iii).

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	3	1	54

The motion was agreed.

### **9 Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion on the Children and Families Bill in relation to section 38 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (child performances)**

The item started at 16.41

#### **NDM5390 Huw Lewis (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Children and Families Bill, relating to the repeal of section 38 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963, in so far as it falls within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum has been laid in Table Office on 20 December 2013 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2(iii).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

### **10 Debate on Ensuring Wider Access to our Heritage and Culture**

The item started at 16.51

#### **NDM5401 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of widening access to heritage and culture for all, encouraging people from all walks of life to take part and ensuring that the barriers to participation are removed.
2. Notes the work carried out by our heritage and culture sector to improve access and to ensure everyone in Wales can engage in cultural activity, or access our great heritage sites and have a rewarding experience.

3. Notes the Welsh Government will continue the work of strengthening this approach by developing effective partnership working across departments and with the wider heritage and cultural sector in Wales.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the meaningful consultation “The Future of Our Past” and welcomes the influence of those responses on the Minister’s decision regarding the future of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments for Wales .

**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 ensure consistent monitoring and reporting processes for all measures to widen engagement and participation in heritage and culture, sufficient to provide robust evaluation.

**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 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) ensure that expertise is maintained in our heritage institutions so that interpretation of our past is not lost as a consequence of staff redundancies.

b) introduce heritage apprenticeships as a means of ensuring that the understanding of our heritage is passed on to future generations.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	13	0	54

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

#### **Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Commends the work of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure long-term security for its staff.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

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 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide support for the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales to investigate obtaining charitable status.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	10	0	54

**Amendment 5 was agreed.**

#### **Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with museums, galleries and other collections of art and heritage to ensure that items which are not on display in Wales can be loaned to other facilities.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

**Amendment 6 was agreed.**

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

**NDM5401 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of widening access to heritage and culture for all, encouraging people from all walks of life to take part and ensuring that the barriers to participation are removed.
2. Notes the work carried out by our heritage and culture sector to improve access and to ensure everyone in Wales can engage in cultural activity, or access our great heritage sites and have a rewarding experience.
3. Notes the Welsh Government will continue the work of strengthening this approach by developing effective partnership working across departments and with the wider heritage and cultural sector in Wales.
4. Notes the meaningful consultation “The Future of Our Past” and welcomes the influence of those responses on the Minister’s decision regarding the future of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments for Wales .
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure consistent monitoring and reporting processes for all measures to widen engagement and participation in heritage and culture, sufficient to provide robust evaluation.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) ensure that expertise is maintained in our heritage institutions so that interpretation of our past is not lost as a consequence of staff redundancies.
  - b) introduce heritage apprenticeships as a means of ensuring that the understanding of our heritage is passed on to future generations.

7. Calls on the Welsh Government to provide support for the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales to investigate obtaining charitable status.

8. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with museums, galleries and other collections of art and heritage to ensure that items which are not on display in Wales can be loaned to other facilities.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

### **Voting Time**

The item started at 17.31

The meeting was adjourned and reconvened at 17.36 for voting time.

### **Votes Summary**