

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 4 March 2014**

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

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

### **2 Questions to the Minister for Culture and Sport**

The item started at 14.16

The first 10 questions were asked. Question 7 and 9 were grouped together for answer.

### **3 Business Statement and Announcement**

The item started at 15.02

### **4 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Regeneration: Increasing the Housing Supply**

The item started at 15.10

## **5 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Tackling Poverty: Delivering the Programme for Government – Update on Flying Start Expansion**

The item started at 15.46

## **6 Debate: The Estyn Annual Report 2012–13**

The item started at 16.26

### **NDM5442 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the annual report for 2012–13 of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that standards of education in Wales have not improved in the main and that:

- a) the proportion of secondary schools branded ‘unsatisfactory’ increased from 14% to 23%;
- b) excellent schools remain in a small minority; and
- c) two thirds of secondary schools and half of primary schools are in need of follow-up inspections.

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

#### **Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government must do more to boost the morale of teachers in Welsh schools.

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

### **Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes Estyn’s recommendation that tackling the impacts of poverty should be central to whole-school planning and that all staff must understand the role they have to play, and calls on the Welsh Government to outline the steps it is taking to embed awareness of the Pupil Deprivation Grant amongst all staff in schools to ensure the most effective use of this funding to mitigate the impact of poverty in schools.

**Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets Estyn’s findings that ‘mainstream schools do not always provide Pupil Referral Units with good quality or timely information about pupils’ learning needs’ and calls on the Welsh Government to develop more individualised monitoring mechanisms in order to achieve a ‘clear picture of pupils’ abilities, needs and prior progress’.

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets Estyn’s finding that ‘Fewer than half of secondary schools are good or better and the proportion that is unsatisfactory has increased from one in seven to one in four’.

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

### **Amendment 6 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes excellent leaders and teachers are the key to raising standards in schools.

**Amendment 6 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

### **Amendment 7 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that standards are raised more sustainably when schools collaborate rather than compete.

**Amendment 7 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

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

**NDM5442 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the annual report for 2012–13 of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales.
2. Regrets that standards of education in Wales have not improved in the main and that:
  - a) the proportion of secondary schools branded ‘unsatisfactory’ increased from 14% to 23%;
  - b) excellent schools remain in a small minority; and
  - c) two thirds of secondary schools and half of primary schools are in need of follow-up inspections.
3. Believes that the Welsh Government must do more to boost the morale of teachers in Welsh schools.
4. Welcomes Estyn’s recommendation that tackling the impacts of poverty should be central to whole-school planning and that all staff must understand the role they have to play, and calls on the Welsh Government to outline the steps it is taking to embed awareness of the Pupil Deprivation Grant amongst all staff in schools to ensure the most effective use of this funding to mitigate the impact of poverty in schools.
5. Regrets Estyn’s findings that ‘mainstream schools do not always provide Pupil Referral Units with good quality or timely information about pupils’ learning needs’ and calls on the Welsh Government to develop more individualised monitoring

mechanisms in order to achieve a 'clear picture of pupils' abilities, needs and prior progress'.

6. Regrets Estyn's finding that 'Fewer than half of secondary schools are good or better and the proportion that is unsatisfactory has increased from one in seven to one in four'.

7. Believes excellent leaders and teachers are the key to raising standards in schools.

8. Believes that standards are raised more sustainably when schools collaborate rather than compete.

**The motion as amended was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **7 Debate: International Women's Day**

The item started at 17.12

### **NDM5443 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Celebrates International Women's Day 2014 in recognition of the role played by women in the economic, political, social and cultural life of Wales.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the achievements of Wales' sportswomen and how they serve as positive role models for young women and men.

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

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the 'A Woman's Place' report from Chwarae Teg which showed that a majority of employers think that further governmental action, in particular help with childcare, would help achieve equality between men and women in the workplace and calls on the Welsh Government to outline the steps it will take to expand the provision of affordable and quality childcare in Wales.

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

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

**NDM5443 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Celebrates International Women's Day 2014 in recognition of the role played by women in the economic, political, social and cultural life of Wales.
2. Recognises the achievements of Wales' sportswomen and how they serve as positive role models for young women and men.
3. Notes the 'A Woman's Place' report from Chwarae Teg which showed that a majority of employers think that further governmental action, in particular help with childcare, would help achieve equality between men and women in the workplace and calls on the Welsh Government to outline the steps it will take to expand the provision of affordable and quality childcare in Wales.

**The motion as amended was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

The meeting concluded at 18.05

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 5 March 2014**