

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 2 July 2014**

Meeting time:  
**13.30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru  
National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food**

The item started at 13.30

The first 11 questions were asked.

### **2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration**

The item started at 14.15

All 15 questions were asked.

### **Urgent Question**

The item started at 15.01

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the First Minister make a statement on the advice received by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food that he should not comment on matters relating to the Circuit of Wales, which was revealed in the Permanent Secretary's report that was placed in the library on 1 July?

### **3 Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on Higher Education Funding**

The item started at 15.14

## **NDM5544 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee on its inquiry into Higher Education Funding, which was laid in the Table Office on 3 June 2014.

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

### **4 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 16.13

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

## **NDM5546 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of tourism to the Welsh economy;
2. Regrets:
  - a) the lack of Welsh Government funding for Visit Wales;
  - b) the Welsh Government's decision to disband the Regional Tourism Partnerships;
  - c) the Welsh Government's narrow ambition for improving overseas visitor numbers to Wales;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to revisit how it consults and is guided by tourism providers in Wales.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
10	0	36	46

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

### **Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the tourism industry can maximise the potential of our rich heritage and diverse environment as well as capitalising on cultural and sporting events.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
32	0	15	47

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to improve the collection and monitoring of tourism related data and market intelligence to inform strategic priorities for tourism in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
47	0	0	47

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

### **NDM5546 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of tourism to the Welsh economy;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the tourism industry can maximise the potential of our rich heritage and diverse environment as well as capitalising on cultural and sporting events.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to improve the collection and monitoring of tourism related data and market intelligence to inform strategic priorities for tourism in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	47

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 5 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 17.07

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### NDM5545 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery.
2. Notes that the report does not deal comprehensively with public services, particularly the health service, due to the terms of reference set down by the Welsh Government.
3. Believes that there is a need to provide a democratic mandate for a strategic long-term package of public service delivery reform.
4. Further believes that the balance of competencies and delivery of public services between national, regional and community government is best debated and resolved by means of party manifestos during the next Assembly election.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	39	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

### Amendment 1 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete point 2.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	23	47

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that public services would be improved by the increased accountability provided by a fair voting system.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	35	47

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the report calls for an enhancement of the involvement of citizens and communities in the co-production of the development and delivery of services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	47

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

**Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the report states ‘the third sector can provide access to users’ experience of services and can help to ensure the systematic and sustainable engagement of communities as well as the expertise of the sector in diverse policy and service areas’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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47	0	0	47
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**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

**Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need for full cost evaluations before any action is taken on structural changes to public services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM5545 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery.
2. Believes that there is a need to provide a democratic mandate for a strategic long-term package of public service delivery reform.
3. Further believes that the balance of competencies and delivery of public services between national, regional and community government is best debated and resolved by means of party manifestos during the next Assembly election.
4. Notes that the report calls for an enhancement of the involvement of citizens and communities in the co-production of the development and delivery of services.
5. Notes that the report states ‘the third sector can provide access to users’ experience of services and can help to ensure the systematic and sustainable engagement of communities as well as the expertise of the sector in diverse policy and service areas’.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	47

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **Voting Time**

The item started at 17.58

## **6 Short Debate**

The item started at 18.03

### **NDM5543 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

The administration of the blue badges scheme by local councils and the Welsh Government.

The meeting concluded at 18.23

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 July 2014**