

# **Third Assembly Plenary Meeting**

## **Votes and Proceedings (242)**

**Date:** Tuesday, 1 February 2011

**Time:** 1.30pm

**13.30**

### **Item 1: Questions to the First Minister**

The first 11 questions were asked. Question 3 was withdrawn.

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**14.19**

### **Item 2: Business Statement and Announcement**

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**14.40**

### **Item 3: Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Services: Future framework for learning from Serious Case Reviews**

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**15.24**

### **Item 4: Statement by the Minister for Rural Affairs: Forestry in Wales**

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**16.16**

### **Item 5: Debate on Literacy**

#### **NDM4646 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Agrees that literacy is fundamental to learning and therefore every teacher in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that their teaching supports young people to become fully literate;
2. Agrees that there is an urgent need to raise standards of literacy in Wales as a matter of national priority including a commitment from Governors, school leaders, Head Teachers, parents and learners across all levels of education to achieve measurable and significant gains.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

#### **Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to consider funding schools directly, which would free up essential resources that can be re-directed to the frontline to tackle illiteracy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	37	46

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the PISA results showed that Wales had the worst standards of literacy of any of the UK regions and has declined since 2006.

*PISA 2009: Achievements of 15 year olds in Wales can be found at:*

[http://www.nfer.ac.uk/nfer/publications/NPDZ02/NPDZ02\\_home.cfm?publicationID=550&title=PISA%202009:%20Achievement%20of%2015-year-olds%20in%20Wales](http://www.nfer.ac.uk/nfer/publications/NPDZ02/NPDZ02_home.cfm?publicationID=550&title=PISA%202009:%20Achievement%20of%2015-year-olds%20in%20Wales)

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	46

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that a spending gap of £604 per pupil has contributed to a lower level of literacy in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	46

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that there is a link between deprivation and lower levels of literacy and calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to implement a pupil premium to address this.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	46

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM4646 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Agrees that literacy is fundamental to learning and therefore every teacher in Wales has a responsibility to ensure that their teaching supports young people to become fully literate;
2. Agrees that there is an urgent need to raise standards of literacy in Wales as a matter of national priority including a commitment from Governors, school leaders, Head Teachers, parents and learners across all levels of education to achieve measurable and significant gains.

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

**The motion was agreed.**

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**16.50**

**Item 6: Debate on NHS Capital Programme**

**NDM4645 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the significant benefits to the NHS in Wales as a result of the £1.4bn of capital investment in the NHS over the lifetime of this Government.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the significant challenges posed to the NHS in Wales as a result of the £98m of real terms capital reductions in the NHS over the next three years.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
9	0	37	46

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouthshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the repairs backlog for Welsh hospitals and other NHS buildings is now £460mn.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	46

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Notes that, despite this capital investment, the Estate Condition and Performance Report 2009/2010 shows:

- a) A total backlog of repairs of £460 million, with £209 million at a High and Significant Risk Cost;
- b) Two Health Trusts are still failing to meet fire safety regulations set for 2005 and 2008;
- c) None of the Health Trusts met the 2008 target for statutory and safety regulations including DDA, asbestos, legionella, hazardous waste;
- d) None of the Health Trusts met the 2008 target of getting 90% of the health estate in a 'sound, operationally safe and exhibit only minor deterioration' standard;
- e) The cost of complying with fire safety code is estimated to be £14 million, an increase of £2million since 2008-2009;
- f) The total cost of implementing DDA work is nearly £16 million.

Calls for a strategic Action Plan that prioritises investment in the NHS that addresses serious risk and ensuring accessibility for disabled people.

*The Estate Condition and Performance Report 2009/10 can be found at:*

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/254/EstCondReport0910.pdf>

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	46

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the Welsh Assembly Government to end its opposition to the use of alternative funding mechanisms to ensure that additional money can be invested in the NHS estate.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	32	46

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

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

**NDM4645 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the significant benefits to the NHS in Wales as a result of the £1.4bn of capital investment in the NHS over the lifetime of this Government.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	0	14	46

The motion was agreed.

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**17.41**

**Item 7: Stage 1 debate on Proposed Education (Wales) Measure**

**NDM4643 Leighton Andrews (Rhondda)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 23.24:

Agrees to the general principles of the Proposed Education (Wales) Measure

*The Proposed Education (Wales) Measure and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 6 December 2010;*

*The report of Legislation Committee No. 5 on the Proposed Education (Wales) Measure was laid before the Assembly on 21 January 2011.*

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

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	9	0	46

The motion was agreed.

**18.25**

**NDM4644 Leighton Andrews (Rhondda)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Proposed Education (Wales) Measure, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 23.80(ii)(c), arising in consequence of the Measure.

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

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	9	0	45

The motion was agreed.

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**18.25**  
**Voting Time**

The meeting concluded at 18.31.

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 2  
February 2011**

**Chamber Secretariat**