

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 2 December 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 10 questions were asked. 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 14.21

### **3 Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Introduction of the Qualifications Wales Bill**

The item started at 14.53

### **4 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Science in Wales – Inspiring the next generation**

The item started at 15.45

### **5 Debate: The Impact of Procurement Policy in Wales**

The item started at 16.19

**NDM5640 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly:

**1. Notes:**

a) the impact that has been made on public procurement since the launch of the Wales Procurement Policy Statement in December 2012;

b) that the Wales Procurement Policy Statement will be reviewed to take advantage of the imminent changes in EU and UK procurement legislation.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises:

a) the positive impact that increasing the proportion of public sector tenders being awarded to Welsh companies can have on the economy and the labour market;

b) Value Wales's calculation that every 1% increase in the proportion of public sector tenders being awarded to Welsh companies will create 2,000 new jobs.

**Amendment 1 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 2 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to take advantage of the changes in EU procurement rules and aim to award at least 75% of public sector tenders to Welsh companies.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

### **Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to legislate to make it mandatory for public sector organisations to follow Welsh Government procurement policy.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	4	53

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government needs to provide regular updates on the adoption of the Wales Procurement Policy Statement by local authorities; and the contracts awarded by them.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

## **Amendment 5 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the low proportion of contracts going to firms who have headquarters in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	27	52

**Amendment 5 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for the Welsh Government to require public bodies to assess the make-up of the local economy before deciding how public procurement contracts should be bundled.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

**Amendment 6 was agreed.**

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

**NDM5640 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Notes:

a) the impact that has been made on public procurement since the launch of the Wales Procurement Policy Statement in December 2012;

b) that the Wales Procurement Policy Statement will be reviewed to take advantage of the imminent changes in EU and UK procurement legislation.

**2. Recognises:**

a) the positive impact that increasing the proportion of public sector tenders being awarded to Welsh companies can have on the economy and the labour market;

b) Value Wales's calculation that every 1% increase in the proportion of public sector tenders being awarded to Welsh companies will create 2,000 new jobs.

**3. Calls on the Welsh Government to legislate to make it mandatory for public sector organisations to follow Welsh Government procurement policy.**

**4. Believes that the Welsh Government needs to provide regular updates on the adoption of the Wales Procurement Policy Statement by local authorities; and the contracts awarded by them.**

**5. Calls for the Welsh Government to require public bodies to assess the make-up of the local economy before deciding how public procurement contracts should be bundled.**

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **6 Debate: Substance Misuse Strategy Annual Report 2014**

The item started at 16.57

**NDM5641 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the progress that has been made in delivering the substance misuse strategy 'Working Together to reduce Harm' as detailed in the 2014 annual report.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that public service employers support employees with substance misuse problems through early intervention and support to maintain employment.

**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:

Congratulates the pioneers of addiction therapy and recovery-based approaches in Wales.

**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 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets Welsh Government delays in delivering Tier 4 Residential Rehabilitation and Inpatient Detoxification Services on a long term sustainable basis in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the publication of the Home Office's report 'Drugs: International Comparators' and believes that drug users would be best helped by treating substance misuse primarily as a health matter rather than criminal matter.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	10	0	53

**Amendment 4 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM5641 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the progress that has been made in delivering the substance misuse strategy 'Working Together to reduce Harm' as detailed in the 2014 annual report.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that public service employers support employees with substance misuse problems through early intervention and support to maintain employment.
3. Congratulates the pioneers of addiction therapy and recovery-based approaches in Wales.
4. Welcomes the publication of the Home Office's report 'Drugs: International Comparators' and believes that drug users would be best helped by treating substance misuse primarily as a health matter rather than criminal matter.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	11	0	52

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **7 Voting Time**

The item started at 17.47

The meeting concluded at 17.51

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 3 December 2014**