

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Wednesday, 22 February 2012**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
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National  
Assembly for  
Wales



## Votes and Proceedings

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### **1. Questions to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House**

The item started at 13.30

Questions 2 – 6 and 8 – 15 were asked. Question 1 was withdrawn. Question 7 was not asked.

### **2. Questions to the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science**

The item started at 14.17

All 14 questions were asked. Questions 6 and 10 were grouped together for answer. Question 8 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and European Programmes.

### **3. Debate on the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee's report on Disability Related Harassment in Wales**

The item started at 14.59

#### **NDM4918 Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee: Disability related harassment in Wales which was laid in the Table Office on 19 December 2011.

**The Motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

### **4. Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 15.52

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM4919 William Graham (South Wales East)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises:

- a) the commitment made by service personnel in the protection of our country; and
- b) the devastating impact that post-traumatic stress disorder can have on the lives of ex-service personnel and their families; and

2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

- a) acknowledge the inadequacy of current services for ex-services personnel suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder; and
- b) undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in improving post-traumatic stress disorder treatment services for ex-services personnel since the publication of the Health, Well-Being and Local Government Committee's report into these services in February 2011.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	32	56

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Insert as new sub-point 1c "the importance of specialist services for ex-service personnel suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder"

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

Delete sub-point 2a

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	1	27	56

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

**Amendment 3 – Peter Black (South Wales West)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the higher incidence of PTSD amongst ex-service personnel and expresses concern that after ten years of military operations in Afghanistan and six years of military operation in Iraq that incidences of PTSD are likely to rise in the future and calls on the government to ensure greater support for PTSD in future years.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

### **NDM4919 William Graham (South Wales East)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises:

a) the commitment made by service personnel in the protection of our country;

b) the devastating impact that post-traumatic stress disorder can have on the lives of ex-service personnel and their families; and

c) the importance of specialist services for ex-service personnel suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder.

2. Calls upon the Welsh Government to undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in improving post-traumatic stress disorder treatment services for ex-services personnel since the publication of the Health, Well-Being and Local Government Committee's report into these services in February 2011.

3. Notes the higher incidence of PTSD amongst ex-service personnel and expresses concern that after ten years of military operations in Afghanistan and six years of military operation in Iraq that incidences of PTSD are likely to rise in the future and calls on the government to ensure greater support for PTSD in future years.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	13	56

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

### **5. Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate**

The item started at 16:50.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

## **NDM4920 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

### 1. Notes:

- a) the 2002 "All Wales Ethnic Minority Association – AWEMA" report;
- b) the 2004 report "All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA): Review and Evaluation Report of Equality Policy Unit (EPU) Funded Projects";
- c) that in 2007 the chair of the All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA) wrote to the Welsh Government expressing serious concerns about the organisation's governance; and
- d) the 2012 report "A Review of the Effectiveness of Governance and Financial Management within the All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA)"; and

### 2. Calls for the Welsh Government to:

- a) publish a statement setting out in detail their reasons for maintaining funding for AWEMA despite initial concerns being raised in 2002, 2004 and 2007; and
- b) develop and publish a protocol for ensuring similar concerns are effectively handled in the future.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>

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

**The following amendments were tabled:**

### **Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Delete point 1 and replace with:

"1. Notes the failure of Ministers to adequately address the concerns raised by:

- a) the 2002 "All Wales Ethnic Minority Association – AWEMA" report;
  - b) the 2004 report "All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA): Review and Evaluation Report of Equality Policy Unit (EPU) Funded Projects";
  - c) the Chair of the All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA) who wrote to the Welsh Government in 2007 expressing serious concerns about the organisation's governance; and
2. Further notes the 2012 report "A Review of the Effectiveness of Governance and Financial Management within the All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA)"; and"

and renumber accordingly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion. Therefore, amendment 1 was not agreed.

#### **Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the timing of the 2012 report’s publication:

a) did not provide an opportunity for immediate scrutiny by Assembly Members in plenary; and

b) did not provide an opportunity for an urgent oral statement from the Minister responsible.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion. Therefore, amendment 2 was not agreed.

#### **Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister to publish the 2002 and 2004 reports online.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
56	0	0	56

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

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

#### **NDM4920 Peter Black (South Wales West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes:

a) the 2002 "All Wales Ethnic Minority Association – AWEMA" report;

b) the 2004 report “All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA): Review and Evaluation Report of Equality Policy Unit (EPU) Funded Projects”;

c) that in 2007 the chair of the All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA) wrote to the Welsh Government expressing serious concerns about the organisation's governance; and

d) the 2012 report "A Review of the Effectiveness of Governance and Financial Management within the All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA)"; and

2. Calls for the Welsh Government to:

a) publish a statement setting out in detail their reasons for maintaining funding for AWEMA despite initial concerns being raised in 2002, 2004 and 2007; and

b) develop and publish a protocol for ensuring similar concerns are effectively handled in the future.

3. Calls on the Minister to publish the 2002 and 2004 reports online.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	29	57

**As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the motion as amended. Therefore, the motion as amended was not agreed.**

#### **VOTING TIME**

Voting Time started at 17.48

#### **Votes Summary**

##### **6. Short Debate**

The item started at 17.51

##### **NDM4917 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):**

Water – The Renaissance of a Resource.

From canals to coastline, green energy to reservoirs – the Short Debate will highlight the important role that Water has in Welsh life and how we can better harness it.

The meeting concluded at 18:14

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 28 February 2012**