

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 12 January 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a virtual format, with Members joining by video-conference.

Presiding Officer Statement

On behalf of Members the Llywydd wished Seth Burke, a Member of the Welsh Youth Parliament, well with his recovery from Covid-19 following his hospitalisation over Christmas.

1 Questions to the Minister for Social Justice

The item started at 13.31

Questions 1–6, 8 and 9 were asked. Questions 1 and 9 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership. Question 7 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

The item started at 14.28

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Counsel General and Minister after question 2.

3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.22



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The question was asked.

4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.

5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.26

Mick Antoniw made a statement to pay tribute to Hanef Bhamjee OBE, the anti-apartheid campaigner from Cardiff.

Vikki Howells made a statement to pay tribute to Ron Jones, the sporting champion from Cwmaman.

Sioned Williams made a statement to pay tribute to Mike Jones, the artist from Pontardawe.

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

The item started at 15.32

NDM7885 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Sioned Williams (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in place of Siân Gwenllïan (Plaid Cymru).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: Debt and the pandemic

The item started at 15.32

NDM7879 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report, Debt and the pandemic, [laid](#) on 15 November 2021.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – Health inequalities

The item started at 16.25

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7877 [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the prevailing deep health inequalities that exist in Wales.
2. Further notes that due to these inequalities the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on many individuals, families, and communities across Wales.
3. Calls for a strategy and action plan to tackle health inequalities in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

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

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1. [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Acknowledges the causes of health inequality are multifaceted and require an integrated and cross-government approach.

Further acknowledges the significant commitments set out within the Programme for Government across all areas of government activity designed to tackle health inequalities in Wales.

[Programme for Government](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	1	26	54

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7877 [Siân Gwenllïan \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the prevailing deep health inequalities that exist in Wales.
2. Further notes that due to these inequalities the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on many individuals, families, and communities across Wales.
3. Acknowledges the causes of health inequality are multifaceted and require an integrated and cross-government approach.
4. Further acknowledges the significant commitments set out within the Programme for Government across all areas of government activity designed to tackle health inequalities in Wales.

Programme for Government

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	1	26	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.29 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.32

9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.36

NDM7878 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

Deaf People Wales: Hidden Inequality

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.03

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 18 January 2022