

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 9 February 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Minister for Social Justice

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 5, 6 and 8 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and Deputy Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

The item started at 14.19

Questions 1–8 and 10 were asked. Questions 1–4 were grouped together for answer. Question 9 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Counsel General and Minister after the grouped questions.

3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.05

The first 2 questions were asked. Question 3 was withdrawn.

4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.



5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.10

Jack Sargeant made a statement on National Apprenticeship Week.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 15.12 the Deputy Presiding Officer suspended the meeting.

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal: Mabon ap Gwynfor (Dwyfor Meirionnydd) – Rent control

The item started at 15.24

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

NDM7831 [Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

To propose that Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on rent controls.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) help combat some of the more severe effects of Wales's housing emergency, affecting over a million people across the nation;
 - b) mitigate significant future rent increases, such as those seen in the rented sector over the last 12 months;
 - c) introduce a system which restricts rents and rent increases to affordable levels and local factors, closing the gap between wage growth and the cost of living.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	22	15	51

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

7 Welsh Conservatives debate – Cancer services

The item started at 15.55

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7911 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the Welsh NHS COVID-19 recovery plan published at the end of the last parliamentary term.
2. Expresses concern:
 - a) that waiting lists numbers in Wales continue to rise, with nearly one in three patients waiting more than a year for treatment;
 - b) that Wales will soon be the only country in the United Kingdom without a cancer strategy.
3. Notes further concern at reports from the National Cancer Clinical Director for Wales that services will have to work at 120 to 130 per cent of previous capacity to deal with increased numbers of cancer patients.
4. Expresses disappointment that the 2021 quality statement on cancer lacks detail and only sets minimum standards for cancer services.
5. Urges the Welsh Government to:
 - a) urgently publish a workforce recruitment and retention plan for cancer specialists;
 - b) publish a full cancer strategy which will set out how Wales will tackle cancer over the next five years; and
 - c) support cancer patients through their treatment by, for example, introducing free dental care during radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

[Health and Social Care in Wales – COVID-19: Looking forward](#)

[Quality Statement on Cancer 2021](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	35	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after sub-point 2(a) and replace with new point:

Notes:

- a) the approach set out in A Healthier Wales, which includes the introduction of quality statements for the development of clinical services;
- b) the Welsh Government's approach to improving cancer outcomes was published on 22 March 2021 in the form of a quality statement;
- c) the Welsh Government's 'Health and Social Care in Wales – COVID-19: Looking Forward', which included cancer, was published on 22 March 2021;
- d) nearly £250 million in year is being invested in the recovery of NHS services, including cancer;
- e) the most recent official cancer statistics show the number of patients newly diagnosed with cancer who started their first definitive treatment increased to the highest level since comparable data was first collected in June 2019;
- f) the expansion of NHS training places includes an additional four higher training posts for clinical oncology and an additional three higher training posts for medical oncology each year for five years;
- g) health boards will be focusing on recovery of cancer services in their Integrated Medium Term Plans.

[A Healthier Wales](#)

[Quality Statement on Cancer 2021](#)

[Improving health and social care \(COVID-19 looking forward\)](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

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

Amendment 2. [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new sub-point at end of point 5:

'complete the roll-out of multidisciplinary diagnostic centres across Wales as a matter of priority'

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

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

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendments tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – Welsh resources

The item started at 16.39

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7912 [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the numerous examples of wealth cultivated from Welsh resources being enjoyed outside of Wales, such as Crown Estate assets, renewable energy, food production and tree planting on agricultural land.

2. Agrees:

a) that this represents a historic and contemporary trend of extraction and exploitation of Welsh resources by outside interests;

b) that these assets, and their benefits, should be retained in Wales, and for the benefit of all people living in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	39	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Agrees that maximising the benefits of natural resources in Wales is best achieved in a reformed United Kingdom in which decisions affecting Wales are made in Wales.

2. Recognises our global responsibility to manage natural resources sustainably, working in local communities and with international partners.

3. Regrets the UK Government's chaotic mismanagement of our relationship with the European Union and its effect on how the economic benefits of natural resources in Wales are distributed, including the impact on rural communities and our response to the climate emergency.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

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

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendment tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.22 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.26

10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.33

NDM7910 [Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

The more I practice, the luckier I am: sports facilities in our rural communities

Vote Summary

The meeting concluded at 17.58

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 15 February 2022