

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 26 April 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 First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 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 14.31

3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on Covid-19 – WITHDRAWN

4 Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Update on Ukraine

The item started at 14.58

5 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Planned Care Recovery Plan

The item started at 15.39



6 Statement by the Minister for Social Justice: Delivery of the Programme for Government commitment to fund additional PCSOs

The item started at 16.23

7 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: Conversion Therapy

The item started at 16.48

Motion to Suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 17.07

NNDM7985 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM7983 and NNDM7984 to be considered in Plenary on 26 April 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

The item started at 17.07

NNDM7983 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 8 April 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 9) Regulations 2022

The item started at 17.11

NNDM7984 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 9) Regulations 2022 laid in the Table Office on 13 April 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 LCM on the British Sign Language Bill

The item started at 17.21

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

NDM7981 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the British Sign Language Bill, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Senedd, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum was [laid](#) in Table Office on 8 March 2022 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

[British Sign Language Bill](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	11	54

The motion was agreed.

11 LCM on the Health and Care Bill

The item started at 17.38

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

NDM7982 [Eluned Morgan \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Health and Care Bill, in relation to commercial dealings in organs for transplantation: extra-territorial offences, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Senedd, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum was [laid](#) in Table Office on 5 April 2022 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

[Health and Care Bill](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	11	54

The motion was agreed.

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following two items together but with separate votes was agreed.

12 Debate on the General Principles of the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill

The item started at 17.51

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

NDM7986 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

1. Agrees to the general principles of the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill.

[The Welsh Tax Acts etc. \(Power to Modify\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 13 December 2021.

The report of the Finance Committee on the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 8 April 2022.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	1	26	54

The motion was agreed.

13 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) (Wales) Bill

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

NDM7987 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the [Welsh Tax Acts etc. \(Power to Modify\) Bill](#), agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	1	26	54

The motion was agreed.

14 Debate: Estyn Annual Report 2020–21

The item started at 18.35

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new points at end of motion:

Regrets Estyn's findings that "the divide between pupils from disadvantaged and more privileged backgrounds became more pronounced over the course of the pandemic."

Believes that the disparities outlined in the report will be further exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis and calls on the Welsh Government to work with Estyn to increase efforts to ensure measures to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds in schools are implemented urgently.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

NDM7980 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the Annual Report for 2020–21 of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales that was [laid](#) in Table Office on 7 April 2022.
2. Welcomes that the report recognises the resilience and perseverance of the education workforce and how they have been flexible, creative and adapted in innovative ways to support learners.
3. Welcomes that 'all providers prioritised the wellbeing of their learners' and continued to strengthen links with families and communities.
4. Notes that we should not underestimate the impact of the pandemic on wellbeing of learners, staff and leaders.
5. Regrets Estyn's findings that "the divide between pupils from disadvantaged and more privileged backgrounds became more pronounced over the course of the pandemic."
6. Believes that the disparities outlined in the report will be further exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis and calls on the Welsh Government to work with Estyn to increase efforts to ensure measures to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds in schools are implemented urgently.

The motion as amended was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 19.12 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

15 Voting Time

The item started at 19.18

The meeting concluded at 19.22

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 27 April 2022