

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 3 May 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.

On behalf of all Members, the Llywydd welcomed Masizole Mngasela, Speaker of South Africa's Western Cape Provincial Parliament, and his delegation to the Senedd.

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.34

### 3 Statement by the Minister for Economy: Border Controls

The item started at 14.42

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

The item started at 15.12



## 5 Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: School Attendance

The item started at 15.44

## 6 Debate: Human Rights

The item started at 16.14

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

NDM7991 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to strengthen and advance human rights, equality and the protection of minority communities in Wales.
2. Notes with grave concern the repeated moves by the UK Government to erode human rights.
3. Believes that UK Government proposals to repeal the Human Rights Act risks undermining key protections for citizens and raises significant constitutional issues.
4. Believes the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill undermines the rights of minority communities and jeopardises the right of lawful and peaceful protests.
5. Agrees with the United Nations Special Rapporteur that the Nationality and Borders Bill would seriously undermine the protection of human rights and lead to serious human rights violations.
6. Calls on the UK Government to reverse its regressive approach on Human Rights and the resulting constitutional violations.

[Human Rights Act Reform: A Modern Bill of Rights](#)

[Police Crime Sentencing & Courts Bill](#)

[Nationality & Borders Bill](#)

## Co-submitters

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

### Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the UK Government's commitment to protecting and upholding human rights.
2. Notes the UK Government's proposals to modernise and make human rights legislation fit for purpose.
3. Believes that there needs to be an appropriate balance between individual rights and responsibilities.
4. Regrets the Welsh Government's record of voting against human rights including voting against the introduction of an older people's rights Bill during the Fifth Senedd.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	39	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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The motion was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.08 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

**7 Voting Time**

The item started at 17.13

**Votes Summary**

The meeting concluded at 17.15

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 4 May 2022**