

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 November 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 Economy

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2, which were answered by the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip.

2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.23

The first 10 questions were asked. Questions 2, 4 and 5 were grouped for answer. Question 7 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

At 15.10 Joyce Watson raised a Point of Order regarding the conduct of Gareth Davies during Spokespeople questions. The Llywydd stated that she would expect an apology from Gareth Davies, before he would be called to participate in Siambr proceedings.

At 15.13, Huw Irranca-Davies raised a Point of Order on the use of spokespeople questions to raise a constituency issue. The Llywydd responded that it is for party



groups to decide how to use their spokespeople questions and that, therefore, she deems the questions to be in order. She would reflect further on this matter.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.15

Answered by the Minister for Economy

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the recent news that Garth Bakery has gone into administration?

Answered by the Minister for Social Justice

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#): What is the government doing to promote community cohesion following serious allegations made about Gwent Police?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.25

Joyce Watson made a statement on – Global Entrepreneurship Week (14–20 November)

Joel James made a statement on – World Diabetes Day (14 November)

Motion to elect Members to committees

The item started at 15.29

NNDM8135 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects:

1. Peredur Owen Griffiths (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.
2. Mabon ap Gwynfor (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee.
3. Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Llywydd's Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Motion to elect a Member to the Petitions Committee

The item started at 15.29

NNDM8134 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Rhys ab Owen (Independent) as a member of the Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Motion to approve the Senedd Commission Budget for 2023–24 – Withdrawn

This item was withdrawn

6 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report – Digital connectivity – broadband

The item started at 15.29

NDM8123 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: ‘Digital connectivity – broadband’, [laid](#) on 1 August 2022.

The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 9 November 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report – Cost of living pressures

The item started at 16.18

NDM8129 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee: Cost of living pressures which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 28 July 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 September 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Changing Places toilets

The item started at 17.12

NDM8126 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide a suitable funding mechanism and clear guidance to local authorities to ensure there is equitable provision of Changing Places toilets in every county in Wales.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Building Safety Act 2022

The item started at 17.35

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8127 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with all political parties in the Welsh Parliament to facilitate a prompt enactment that incorporates sections 116 to 125 of the Building Safety Act 2022 into Welsh law to strengthen residents' rights in Wales.

Supporting Documents

[Building Safety Act 2022](#)

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.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 18.05

11 Short Debate

The item started at 18.07

NDM8125 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

Horseracing: an economic and sporting asset for Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.32

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 November 2022