

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 23 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 Climate Change

The item started at 13.30

The Presiding Officer received notification, under Standing Order 12.58, that the Deputy Minister for Climate Change would answer questions on behalf of the Minister.

The first 8 questions were answered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Deputy Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

The item started at 14.19

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.14

Answered by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution



[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): What assessment has the Counsel General made of how the Supreme Court's judgement on the Scottish Parliament's intention to hold a second independence referendum will affect Wales's ability to decide its own constitutional future?

4 90 Second Statements

No 90 Second Statements were selected

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

The item started at 15.26

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

NDM8137 [Ken Skates \(Clwyd South\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.16:

Agrees the budget of the Senedd Commission for 2023–24, as specified in Table 1 of the Senedd Commission Budget 2023–24, [laid](#) before the Senedd on 9 November 2022 and that it be incorporated in the Annual Budget Motion under Standing Order 20.26(ii).

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	15	51

The motion was agreed.

6 Debate on the Standards of Conduct Committee report – Sixth Report to the Sixth Senedd under Standing Order 22.9

The item started at 16.00

NDM8136 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Considers the Report of the Standards of Conduct Committee – Sixth Report to the Sixth Senedd [laid](#) before the Senedd on 16 November 2022 in accordance with Standing Order 22.9.
2. Endorses the recommendation in the report.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Mental health and community resilience

The item started at 16.03

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

NDM8130 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

- a) the publication of MIND Cymru's Together Through Tough Times report;
- b) that community resilience has a positive impact on good mental health.

2. Calls on Welsh Government to:

a) work with the voluntary and community sector to build resilient communities through:

- (i) promoting social capital;
- (ii) investing in community assets;
- (iii) addressing barriers faced by certain groups;

b) include the role played by community assets and networks in any future mental health strategy.

[Together through Tough Times](#)

Supporters

[Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

[Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

[Sam Rowlands \(North Wales\)](#)

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	10	0	51

The motion was agreed.

8 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – The provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers

The item started at 16.42

NDM8139 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, ‘Provision of sites for Gypsy, Roma and Travellers’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 August 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 16 November 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Plaid Cymru Debate – Nurses' pay

The item started at 17.27

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8140 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that Welsh nurses deserve fair remuneration for their essential work in keeping our communities safe and healthy.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to utilise every devolved lever at its disposal to make an improved pay offer for NHS nurses in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	1	26	52

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the motion without amendment. Therefore, the motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 2

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	25	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add new point at end of motion

Calls on the Welsh Government to meet with the Royal College of Nursing Wales to discuss its campaign for fair pay and safe staffing to avoid strike action this winter.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8140 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that Welsh nurses deserve fair remuneration for their essential work in keeping our communities safe and healthy.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to meet with the Royal College of Nursing Wales to discuss its campaign for fair pay and safe staffing to avoid strike action this winter.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

Statement by the Llywydd

At 18.26 the Llywydd addressed the Chamber on an earlier use of the term ‘hysterical’ by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change during Spokespeople’s questions. The Llywydd stated that she does not expect to hear that term used to describe a contribution by a woman in future.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 18.26

11 Short Debate

The item started at 18.35

NDM8138 [Cefin Campbell \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Together stronger: social enterprise and community-owned businesses in Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.54

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 29 November 2022