

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 7 February 2023

Meeting time: 13.30

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

### Presiding Officer Statement

The Llywydd made a statement to extend the Senedd's condolences to Carolyn Thomas MS and her family following the loss of her son.

The Llywydd also expressed condolences on behalf of the Senedd to all those affected by yesterday's earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

### 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 Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales, and Trefnydd after question 2.

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.15

### 3 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: The LGBTQ+ Action Plan

The item started at 14.30



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## 4 Debate: The Draft Budget 2023–24

The item started at 15.00

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

NDM8194 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.12:

Notes the Draft Budget for the financial year 2023–24 [laid](#) in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance and Local Government on 13 December 2022.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government’s Draft Budget 2023–24 fails to deliver on the priorities of the people of Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	38	51

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

**Amendment 2** [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on Welsh Government to increase the basic rate of tax by 1 pence, the higher rate by of tax by 2 pence, and the additional rate of tax by 3 pence for the purpose of increasing the budget available to deal with the health and care crisis and provide financial help for people in the greatest need.

**Supporting Documents**

[Report of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee](#)

[Report of the Health and Social Care Committee](#)

[Report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	40	51

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8194 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.12:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	11	13	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

Heledd Fychan raised a point of order relating to language used by another Member during the debate. The Deputy Presiding Officer ruled that he considered the language used to be wholly inappropriate and called on the Member to retract his statement. The Member apologised and withdrew the remark.

**Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 5 and 6 together but with separate votes**

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 5 and 6 together but with separate votes was agreed

## 5 The general principles of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.25

NDM8197 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

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

Agrees to the general principles of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill.

The [Agriculture \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 26 September 2022.

The report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on the Agriculture (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 27 January 2023.

### Supporting Documents

[Report of the Finance Committee](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 6 The financial resolution in respect of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.25

NDM8198 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

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

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 7 Voting Time

The item started at 18.22

### Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.24

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 8 February 2023**