

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 13 September 2023

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 Social Justice and Chief Whip

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 8 were grouped together for answer. Question 9 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and Deputy Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

The item started at 14.23

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Counsel General after question 2.

3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.16

All 3 questions were asked.

4 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.27



Answered by the Minister for Health and Social Services

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the safety of the health estate following the news that a major incident was declared at Withybush Hospital in August?

Answered by the Minister for Finance and Local Government

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's 2023–24 budget, in light of continued commentary by Ministers via the media over the summer?

Answered by the Minister for Health and Social Services

[Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on today's Welsh Government announcement that all of Wales' seven health boards are in escalation status?

5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 16.04

Heledd Fychan made a statement on – Tribute to Gareth Miles, a founder of Cymdeithas yr Iaith.

Sioned Williams made a statement on – Catch the Bus Month (September).

6 Debate on petition P-06-1337 – Sycharth, the home of Owain Glyndwr, should be bought to safeguard the site for future generations

The item started at 16.07

NDM8345 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1337 Sycharth, the home of Owain Glyndŵr, should be bought to safeguard the site for future generations](#)' which received 10,539 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36

7 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – Unsustainable: debt fuelled by the rising cost of living

The item started at 16.49

NDM8346 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report, “Unsustainable – debt fuelled by the rising cost of living”, [laid](#) on 23 May 2023.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 6 September 2023.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022

The item started at 17.28

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8347 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to repeal The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022, due to come into force on 17th September 2023.

[Supporting document – The Restricted Roads \(20 mph Speed Limit\) \(Wales\) Order 2022](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	38	53

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022.
2. Notes that lowering speed limits where people and vehicles interact the most can save lives.
3. Notes that exemptions are possible in locations deemed appropriate by local authorities.
4. Notes the importance of community support to any speed limit changes to ensure genuine concerns can be alleviated and further notes that more exemptions may be identified following the introduction of new limits.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to continuously review the impact of new limits, empower local authorities to make any further exemptions and provide local authorities with adequate funding to facilitate the introduction of new limits.

[The Restricted Roads \(20 mph Speed Limit\) \(Wales\) Order 2022](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	15	53

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8347 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes The Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022.

2. Notes that lowering speed limits where people and vehicles interact the most can save lives.
3. Notes that exemptions are possible in locations deemed appropriate by local authorities.
4. Notes the importance of community support to any speed limit changes to ensure genuine concerns can be alleviated and further notes that more exemptions may be identified following the introduction of new limits.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to continuously review the impact of new limits, empower local authorities to make any further exemptions and provide local authorities with adequate funding to facilitate the introduction of new limits.

[The Restricted Roads \(20 mph Speed Limit\) \(Wales\) Order 2022](#)

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The motion as amended was agreed.

At 17.35, Huw Irranca-Davies raised a point of order regarding the fact he was named by a Member speaking but was refused the chance to intervene. The Deputy Presiding Officer said it was a matter for the Member as to whether they take an intervention and that Members named could respond if they put themselves on the speaking list.

At 18.20, Janet Finch-Saunders raised a point of order on the use of the word “imposter”. The Deputy Presiding Officer stated he would check the Record.

At 18.25, Gareth Davies raised a point of order on the use of the word “shrill”. The Deputy Presiding Officer stated he would check the Record.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 18.33

10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.38

NDM8340 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Bringing the World to Wales – How do we unleash the potential of Wales as a major global tourist destination?

The meeting concluded at 19.04

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 19 September 2023