

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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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.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.28

3 Statement by the First Minister: The final report of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales

The item started at 14.45

4 Statement by the Minister for Climate Change: White paper for a proposed Bill on environmental principles, environmental governance, and biodiversity targets

The item started at 15.40



5 Statement by the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip: Holocaust Memorial Day

The item started at 16.14

6 Statement by the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales and Trefnydd: Blas Cymru/Taste Wales

The item started at 17.06

7 Debate: Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report 2022–23

The item started at 17.38

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

NDM8463 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report 2022–23.

[Welsh Language Commissioner Annual Report 2022 –2023](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Notes the Commissioner's work to encourage the use of Welsh by organisations in the private sector such as the banking sector on a non–statutory basis.

Agrees that banks should be subject to statutory Welsh language standards.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8463 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report 2022-23.

[Welsh Language Commissioner Annual Report 2022 -2023](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

The motion without amendment was agreed.

The proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 8 and 9 together but with separate votes was agreed.

8 The general principles of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill

The item started at 18.03

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

NDM8464 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill.

The [Senedd Cymru \(Members and Elections\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 18 September 2023.

The report of the Reform Bill Committee on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 19 January 2024.

Supporting Documents

[Report of the Finance Committee](#)

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

[Response from the Standards of Conduct Committee to the report of the Reform Bill Committee](#)

[Response from the Business Committee to the report of the Reform Bill Committee](#)

[Response from the Senedd Commission to the report of the Reform Bill Committee](#)

[Response from the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd to the report of the Reform Bill Committee](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	14	53

The motion was agreed.

9 The financial resolution in respect of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill

The item started at 18.03

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

NDM8465 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

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

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	14	53

The motion was agreed.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 19.33

The meeting concluded at 19.35

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 31 January 2024