

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 20 March 2024

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.

Nomination of the First Minister under Standing Order 8

The item started at 13.30

The Deputy Presiding Officer invited nominations for the appointment of First Minister, in accordance with Standing Order 8.2.

Mark Drakeford nominated Vaughan Gething.

Samuel Kurtz nominated Andrew RT Davies.

Delyth Jewell nominated Rhun ap Iorwerth.

As there were three nominations, a vote was conducted by roll call. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited each Member present to vote for a candidate. Members were called in alphabetical order. In accordance with Standing Order 8.2, neither the Presiding Officer nor the Deputy Presiding Officer were permitted to vote.

The results of the roll call were as follows:

Vaughan	Andrew RT	Rhun ap	Abstain	Total
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Gething	Davies	Iorwerth		
27	13	11	0	51

As Vaughan Gething received more votes than the total number of votes cast for all other candidates the Deputy Presiding Officer declared that he is nominated for appointment as First Minister of Wales, and that in accordance with Section 47(4) of the Government of Wales Act, a recommendation would be made to His Majesty that Vaughan Gething is appointed as First Minister.

The Deputy Presiding Officer invited Vaughan Gething to address the Senedd.

1 Topical Questions

The item started at 13.47

Answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Services

[Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Would the Minister make a statement on the Child Practice Review into the death of Kaylea Titford?

Answered by the Minister for Economy

[David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): What discussions has the Welsh Government had with Tata following the announcement to close the coke ovens at Port Talbot?

2 Questions to the Minister for Climate Change

The item started at 14.18

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 1 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and Deputy Minister after question 2.

3 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 15.14

The first 9 questions were asked. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 16.07

Jayne Bryant made a statement on – 100 years of Marshfield Women’s Institute

Mark Isherwood made a statement on – Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month (March)

Delyth Jewell made a statement on – Senghenydd’s National Mining Memorial officially recognised (12 March)

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – National collections

The item started at 16.12

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

NDM8505 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that:

- a) the national collections of Wales, which are under the care of the National Library of Wales and Amgueddfa Cymru, belong to everyone in Wales;
- b) the collections need to be protected for future generations, while also continuing to be used to inspire and motivate people of all ages; and
- c) free access to our national museums has been an undoubted success since the introduction of the policy in 2001, and that this policy is one that should be protected.

2. Notes:

- a) warnings from the institutions that revenue and capital fiscal cuts endanger the national collections, due to unsuitable spaces and stores and also a reduction in the number of specialist staff who are now employed to care for them;
- b) the concerns that further cuts will worsen the situation; and
- c) Welsh Government responsibilities under the Government of Wales Act 2006 for our national collections.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) commission a panel of experts to establish what the danger is to the collections, and work with the institutions and the Welsh Government to implement a plan to protect them;
- b) work with the National Library of Wales and Amgueddfa Cymru, and the unions that represent the staff in these institutions, to ensure their viability for the future; and
- c) work with Amgueddfa Cymru to retain the free entry policy to our national museums.

Co-submitters

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

[Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

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

[Tom Giffard \(South Wales West\)](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	7	16	50

The motion was agreed.

6 Debate on petition P-06-1367 – Fund the removal of quarry rocks and the restoration of sand and groynes to Llandudno North Shore

The item started at 16.57

NDM8525 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1367: Fund the removal of quarry rocks and the restoration of sand and groynes to Llandudno North Shore](#)' which received 12,228 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Barnett formula

The item started at 17.32

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8524 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the cross-party consensus in the Senedd around the need to reform the Welsh funding model.
2. Calls on the UK Government to bring the unfair Barnett formula to an end and to fund Wales according to need and not based on population.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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11	0	39	50
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The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new points after point 1, and renumber accordingly:

Notes the current funding model which sees Wales receive £1.20 for every £1 spent on health and education in England, with only £1.05 reaching the Welsh NHS and classrooms.

Notes the nearly £1 billion in additional investment in Wales from the UK Government through the Shared Prosperity Fund and levelling-up funding.

A vote was held on amendment 1, the result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	37	50

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the UK Government to replace the outdated Barnett formula with a new relative needs-based system agreed by all four nations, within a new fiscal agreement overseen and operated by a body independent of the UK Government.

A vote was held on amendment 2, the result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	11	13	50

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was held on the motion as amended:

NDM8524 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the cross-party consensus in the Senedd around the need to reform the Welsh funding model.
2. Calls on the UK Government to replace the outdated Barnett formula with a new relative needs-based system agreed by all four nations, within a new fiscal agreement overseen and operated by a body independent of the UK Government.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	13	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.19

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.24

NDM8517 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

A national plan for flood resilience

10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.45

NDM8523 [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

Saving lives and protecting our communities – the case for overdose prevention centres

The meeting concluded at 19.09

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 16 April 2024