

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 4 June 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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Presiding Officer Statement

At 13.30, the Presiding Officer announced, in accordance with Standing Order 26.75, that the Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 was given Royal Assent on 3 June 2024.

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 to 2 and 4 to 9 were asked. Question 3 was withdrawn. 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 14.25

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 14.47

NNDM8596 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:



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Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i), 12,22(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM8595 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday, 4 June 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

3 Debate: The Infected Blood Inquiry Report

The item started at 14.47

NNDM8595 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises:

a) the harm and suffering caused to thousands of people in the worst treatment scandal in the history of the NHS;

b) the tireless campaign and hard work of all those infected and affected to seek the truth; and

c) the UK Government's apology for the decades-long moral failure at the heart of our national life.

2. Welcomes the final report of the Infected Blood Inquiry published on 20 May 2024 and its recommendations.

3. Welcomes the four-nations work to put in place an Infected Blood Compensation Authority.

4. Notes that further compensation payments will be made to people infected and affected by the scandal.

[The Infected Blood Inquiry Report](#)

The amendments and motion as amended were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Consultation on the School Year

The item started at 15.54

5 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice: Culture and Social Justice – reaffirmation of our values

The item started at 16.37

6 Statement by the Minister for Social Care: Transforming Children's Services

The item started at 17.11

7 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport: Transforming Rail: Update on the delivery of the South Wales Metro and the Fleet Upgrade Programme

The item started at 17.47

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 18.19

NNDM8598 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i), 12,22(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM8597 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday, 4 June 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Debate: The Steel Industry in Wales

The item started at 18.20

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

NNDM8597 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes there is a viable future for steelmaking in Wales within a transition that supports a stronger, greener future for the Welsh economy.
2. Believes that retaining the capacity to produce primary steel in Wales is central to Wales's economic interests and the pathway to net-zero.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that since 2019, the Welsh Government has not provided any financial support to Tata Steel.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	36	50

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government's £500 million grant to Tata Steel to support the retention of steel workers' jobs and the UK Government's commitment to supporting the £100 million transition fund for retraining and skills.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	36	50

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Tata has rejected a multi-union plan which would have protected jobs and kept open one of the blast furnaces at the Port Talbot steelworks.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	1	50

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets a lack of clarity on how UK Labour's £3 billion plan for steel would protect jobs and support decarbonisation at the Port Talbot steelworks.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	26	50

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the next UK Government to take the necessary steps to bring the Port Talbot steelworks into public ownership.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	39	50

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government, in the absence of a plan from UK Government, to explore legislative options for the compulsory purchase of the blast furnaces in Port Talbot, as well as the potential of creating a Welsh steel co-operative.

A vote was taken on amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	0	40	50

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NNDM8597 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

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1. Believes there is a viable future for steelmaking in Wales within a transition that supports a stronger, greener future for the Welsh economy.
2. Believes that retaining the capacity to produce primary steel in Wales is central to Wales's economic interests and the pathway to net-zero.
3. Regrets that Tata has rejected a multi-union plan which would have protected jobs and kept open one of the blast furnaces at the Port Talbot steelworks.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 19.17

The meeting concluded at 19.23

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 5 June 2024