

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 26 June 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.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport

The item started at 13.30

Questions 2–10 were asked. Question 1 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 3.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice

The item started at 14.18

Questions 1 – 7 and 9 were asked. Question 8 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.01

The question was asked.



4 Topical Questions

No topical questions were accepted

5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.05

Vikki Howells made a statement on – Unveiling of a permanent memorial to the Albion Colliery Disaster after 130 years (23 June).

Rhys ab Owen made a statement on – Caban wins Bookshop of the Year at Welsh Independent Retail Awards 2024 (10 June).

6 Motion to amend Standing Orders – Llywydd’s Committee chairing arrangements

The item started at 15.08

NDM8622 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, ‘Amending Standing Orders: Llywydd’s Committee chairing arrangements’, [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 June 2024.
2. Approves the proposal to amend Standing Order 18B, as set out in Annex A of the Business Committee’s report.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A community energy benefits bill

The item started at 15.09

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

NDM8616 [Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a community energy benefits Bill.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
 - a) ensure that renewable energy developments have a direct benefit for local communities, and that loss of amenity for communities is a key consideration in determining whether large energy infrastructure projects proceed;
 - b) require profit from renewable energy developments to be kept in the local area;
 - c) make local ownership a mandatory element in every energy generation development;
 - d) mandate the use of renewable technology in all new buildings, significant redevelopments and extensions; and
 - e) utilise all viable brownfield options before any greenfield site can be considered, especially if remote and diverse habitats are to be affected and or access and infrastructure is limited or non-existent.

Supporters

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

The result was as follows:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 23 | 25 | 0 | 48 |

The motion was agreed.

8 Debate on Petition P-06-1437 – Increase, don't cut, funding for the National Library, Amgueddfa Cymru and the Royal Commission

The item started at 15.38

NDM8623 [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1437 Increase, don't cut, funding for the National Library, Amgueddfa Cymru and the Royal Commission](#)', which received 12,075 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Plaid Cymru Debate – Wales and the next UK government

The item started at 16.08

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8624 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

a) the cross-party support in the Senedd for Wales to receive its fair share of HS2 consequential funding; and

b) the Welsh Government's previous commitment to the full devolution of justice and the Crown Estate assets in Wales.

2. Regrets the failure of both the UK Labour and Conservative Party manifestos to commit to deliver on the settled will of the Senedd and the Welsh Government on these matters.

3. Believes that this further demonstrates that the office of Secretary of State for Wales is outdated and does not effectively serve the interests of the people of Wales.

4. Calls on the next UK Government to abolish the position of Secretary of State for Wales.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 12 | 0 | 37 | 49 |

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Welcomes the UK Government's commitment to the electrification of the north Wales railway line and the fact that Wales is the only growth deal nation in the UK.

Believes this demonstrates that the office of Secretary of State for Wales effectively serves the interests of the people of Wales.

Calls upon the next UK Government to ensure that Wales's voice continues to be given prominence in the Cabinet via the appointment of a Secretary of State for Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 13 | 0 | 36 | 49 |

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes the success of devolution over the past 25 years in delivering radical change for the people of Wales.

Calls upon the Welsh Government to work with any incoming UK Government to help deliver the recommendations of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales.

Agrees that successive Conservative UK governments have undermined Wales's devolution settlement and notes with concern that the Conservative party's manifesto includes measures that would further undermine devolution, including repealing the Trade Union (Wales) Act which helps to protect public sector workers and expanding the Backing Drivers Bill to cover Wales.

Notes the importance of a constructive relationship between the Welsh and UK Governments.

Recognises the need for a UK Government that respects and advances devolution with the creation of a Council of Nations and Regions underpinned by strong

intergovernmental working and a Secretary of State for Wales dedicated to Welsh affairs within the UK cabinet.

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A vote was taken on amendment 2:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 25 | 0 | 24 | 49 |

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

1. Notes:

a) the cross-party support in the Senedd for Wales to receive its fair share of HS2 consequential funding; and

b) the Welsh Government's previous commitment to the full devolution of justice and the Crown Estate assets in Wales.

2. Notes the success of devolution over the past 25 years in delivering radical change for the people of Wales.

3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to work with any incoming UK Government to help deliver the recommendations of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales.

4. Agrees that successive Conservative UK governments have undermined Wales's devolution settlement and notes with concern that the Conservative party's manifesto includes measures that would further undermine devolution, including repealing the

Trade Union (Wales) Act which helps to protect public sector workers and expanding the Backing Drivers Bill to cover Wales.

5. Notes the importance of a constructive relationship between the Welsh and UK Governments.

6. Recognises the need for a UK Government that respects and advances devolution with the creation of a Council of Nations and Regions underpinned by strong intergovernmental working and a Secretary of State for Wales dedicated to Welsh affairs within the UK cabinet.

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| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 27 | 0 | 22 | 49 |

The motion as amended was agreed.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 17.02

11 Short Debate

The item started at 17.05

NDM8619 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Protecting communities from the impact of quarrying for minerals: why Craig yr Hesg Quarry must close.

The meeting concluded at 17.22

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 2 July 2024