

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 September 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 Transport and North Wales

The item started at 13.30

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

### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

The item started at 14.25

The first 8 questions were asked. 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 15.14

Question 1 was not asked. Questions 2–4 were asked.



## 4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted

## 5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.27

**Lesley Griffiths** made a statement on – 90 years since the Gresford colliery disaster (22 September).

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** made a statement on – Tribute to Dewi ‘Pws’ Morris.

**Rhys ab Owen** made a statement on – Recognising the work of the charity Latch, during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (September).

## Motion to elect a Member to a committee

The item started at 15.33

**NDM8663** [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Sam Rowlands (Welsh Conservatives) in place of James Evans (Welsh Conservatives) as a Member of the Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 6 Debate on Petition P-06-1455 – Protect the junior departments of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama from closure

The item started at 15.33

**NDM8653** [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1455 Protect the junior departments of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama from closure](#)' which received 10,560 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Winter fuel payment

The item started at 16.14

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM8651** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Expresses deep concern that around 400,000 households in Wales will lose up to £300 per person after the UK Government's decision to end the universal winter fuel payment.

2. Notes the Welsh Government's Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip's response to [WQ93698](#) where she stated that the UK Government's decision to end the winter fuel payment will risk pushing some pensioners into fuel poverty.

3. Calls on the UK Government to reverse its decision to end the universal winter fuel payment.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that the UK Government has made difficult choices, such as changes to the winter fuel allowance eligibility, as a result of 14 years of economic mismanagement.
2. Welcomes the commitment to the triple lock and a targeted approach to the Warm Home Discount
3. Agrees that maximising incomes, building financial resilience, and putting money back into people's pockets are priorities to help alleviate the impact of high energy prices, and encourages people to find out about the financial support they may be entitled to through Advicelink Cymru.
4. Supports the principle of a social tariff to protect the most vulnerable customers, and calls on OFGEM to reform standing charges.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	23	47

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the withdrawal of the inclusive winter fuel payment provision is a continuation of the austerity agenda of the previous UK Conservative Government.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	38	47

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that the UK Government has made difficult choices, such as changes to the winter fuel allowance eligibility, as a result of 14 years of economic mismanagement.
2. Welcomes the commitment to the triple lock and a targeted approach to the Warm Home Discount
3. Agrees that maximising incomes, building financial resilience, and putting money back into people's pockets are priorities to help alleviate the impact of high energy prices, and encourages people to find out about the financial support they may be entitled to through Advicelink Cymru.
4. Supports the principle of a social tariff to protect the most vulnerable customers, and calls on OFGEM to reform standing charges.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	23	47

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## 8 Plaid Cymru Debate – NHS waiting lists

The item started at 17.06

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM8652** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the First Minister and her predecessors have prioritised cutting waiting lists in the NHS.
2. Regrets that:
  - a) the latest NHS performance statistics show that waiting lists in Wales are at a record high; and
  - b) the UK Labour Government's decision to embrace austerity policies, such as cutting back the winter fuel payment, are intensifying the pressure on the NHS.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently review its plan to reduce waiting lists and to honour the commitment made by past First Ministers and the current First Minister.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1) Notes:

a) the First Minister and her predecessors have prioritised cutting waiting lists in the NHS; and

b) the number of people waiting more than two years for treatment has fallen by 67% since the peak in March 2022.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	23	47

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendments 2 and 3 were de-selected.

**Amendment 4** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the full Barnett consequential 20 per cent uplift for health is spent on the Welsh NHS.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	32	47

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

**A vote was taken on the motion as amended:**

To propose that the Senedd:

1) Notes:

a) the First Minister and her predecessors have prioritised cutting waiting lists in the NHS; and

b) the number of people waiting more than two years for treatment has fallen by 67% since the peak in March 2022.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	23	47

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.51

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.58

**NDM8650** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Rhondda Cynon Taf National Eisteddfod: Securing a legacy for the Welsh language in the Valleys

The meeting concluded at 18.24

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 September 2024**