

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 15 October 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–4 and 6–9 were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn.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 14.21

3 Statement by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Circular economy opportunities and outcomes of Circular Economy Hotspot Cymru 2024

The item started at 14.56

4 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Energy and the green economy

The item started at 15.30



5 Statement by the Minister for Further and Higher Education: Tertiary education

The item started at 16.18

6 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Welsh language communities

The item started at 17.02

7 Debate: The Children's Commissioner for Wales Annual Report 2023–24

The item started at 17.43

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

NDM8688 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Children's Commissioner for Wales's Annual Report 2023–24.

[Children's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report 2023–24](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Regrets that around 30% of children in Wales are living in poverty.

Supports the Children's Commissioner for Wales' calls for the Welsh Government's Child Poverty Strategy to have clear targets and measurable outcomes.

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the Children's Commissioner to implement the WAVE Trust's campaign to reduce child abuse, neglect and other adverse childhood experiences by 2030.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Notes that 14 years of austerity under the previous UK Conservative Government has intensified the levels of poverty, and specifically child poverty, in Wales.

Regrets that the Welsh Government in 2016 abandoned the target of eradicating child poverty by 2020.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	41	53

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM8688 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Children's Commissioner for Wales's Annual Report 2023-24.

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	9	53

The motion was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.44

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.46

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 16 October 2024