

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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Statement by the Llywydd

At 13.30, the Llywydd made a statement to the Chamber, extending her thoughts and condolences to the family of former Member Alison Halford who served as a Member during the first Assembly.

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. 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 14.18

3 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Update on Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

The item started at 14.40

4 The Non-Domestic Rating (Withdrawal of Charitable Relief for Independent Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2025

The item started at 15.30



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

NDM8836 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5, approves that the draft The Non-Domestic Rating (Withdrawal of Charitable Relief for Independent Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2025 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 28 January 2025.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	0	16	58

The motion was agreed.

5 Debate: Welsh Rates of Income Tax 2025–26

The item started at 15.38

NDM8833 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with section 116D of the Government of Wales Act 2006, agrees the Welsh rate resolution for the 2025–26 Welsh rates of income tax as follows:

- a) the Welsh rate for the purpose of calculating the basic rate of income tax is 10p in the pound;
- b) the Welsh rate for the purpose of calculating the higher rate of income tax is 10p in the pound; and
- c) the Welsh rate for the purpose of calculating the additional rate of income tax is 10p in the pound.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate: The Final Budget 2025–26

The item started at 15.43

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

NDM8834 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.25, approves the Annual Budget for the financial year 2025–26 [laid](#) in the Table Office by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language on 20 February 2025.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	1	28	58

The motion was agreed.

7 Debate: The Local Government Settlement 2025–26

The item started at 17.15

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

NDM8835 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2025–26 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 February 2025.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Labour UK Government's failure to deliver a fair funding arrangement for Wales means that local authorities have had to deal with a significant increase in council tax and further cuts to public services.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	1	29	58

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM8835

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2025–26 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 February 2025.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	13	16	58

The motion was agreed.

8 Debate: The Police Settlement 2025–26

The item started at 17.48

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

NDM8819 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2025–26 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 31 January 2025.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the increase in police precept of council tax as a result of shortfalls in direct funding from Westminster to Welsh police forces.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	17	29	58

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM8819

To propose that the Senedd, under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2025–26 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 31 January 2025.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	13	0	58

The motion was agreed.

9 Debate: The general principles of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

The item started at 18.04

NDM8837 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill.

The [Legislation \(Procedure, Publication and Repeals\) \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 21 October 2024.

The report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 14 February 2025.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 18.42

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.47

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 5 March 2025