

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 26 March 2025

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 Housing and Local Government

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 Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

The item started at 14.22

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3 Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 15.17

NNDM8871 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

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

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for



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business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM8872 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 26 March.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4 The financial resolution in respect of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.18

NNDM8872 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru, in accordance with Standing Order 26.72, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69 arising in consequence of the Bill.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.

6 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.22

Mike Hedges made a statement on Brain Tumour Awareness Month – Wear a hat day (28 March).

Heledd Fychan made a statement on Taff Tidy project: World record for volunteer river clean-up.

7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – a Bill on littering and fly-tipping

The item started at 15.26

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

NDM8799 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on tackling littering and fly-tipping in Wales.
2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to:
 - a) strengthen and reform the law on fly-tipping in Wales in respect of:
 - i) financial and non-financial penalties (such as driving licence or vehicle confiscation);
 - ii) the cap on fixed penalty notices;
 - iii) enforcement activity; and
 - iv) standardising local authority data capture and reporting methodologies.
 - b) strengthen and reform the law on littering in Wales in respect of:
 - i) identifying littering as anti-social behaviour;
 - ii) financial and non-financial penalties (such as the provision of 'litter awareness courses' for offenders); and
 - iii) the litter reduction responsibilities of retailers and other suppliers.
 - c) to introduce processes that make it easier for households to dispose of waste.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	13	0	46

The motion was agreed.

8 Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report – A decade of cuts: Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport

The item started at 16.01

NDM8865 [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee: 'A decade of cuts: Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport' which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 9 January 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 19 March 2025.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Welsh Conservatives debate – Wales Covid–19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee oaths and affirmations

The item started at 16.52

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

NDM8864 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that the Senedd's Standing Orders should provide the Wales Covid–19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee with a discretionary power enabling it to require witnesses to take an oath or make an affirmation when giving evidence.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

The motion was not agreed.

10 Voting time

The item started at 17.36

11 Short debate

The item started at 17.39

NDM8855 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Thinking differently: the Women's Institute campaign to support autistic and ADHD women and girls

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.09

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 1 April 2025