

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 June 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in Siambr Hywel, Tŷ Hywel and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 7 were withdrawn. Question 5 and 9 were answered by the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 3.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

The item started at 14.19

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 1, 5, 7 and 8 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing. Question 2, 3, 4 and 6 were answered by the Minister for Children and Social Care. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing and the Minister for Children and Social Care after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.18

Answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#): What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had



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with the UK Government regarding the circumstances that led to the reclassification of the Oxford to Cambridge East West Rail programme from an 'England only' project to an 'England and Wales' project?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.28

Sioned Williams made a statement on – Infant mental health awareness week 2025 (9 to 15 June).

Mick Antoniw made a statement on – PONT – 20 years of overseas partnership (2025).

Hannah Blythyn made a statement on – Pride Month (June).

Vaughan Gething made a statement on – Billy Boston's knighthood.

5 Dissolution of committees

The item started at 15.36

The proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following motions together but with separate votes was agreed.

NDM8922 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Reform Bill Committee was established on 12 July 2023 for the purpose of scrutinising the Bills relating to Senedd reform referred to it by the Business Committee.
2. Notes that the Business Committee does not intend to refer further matters to the Committee.
3. Agrees, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3, that the Reform Bill Committee should cease to exist.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

NDM8924 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Future Senedd Committee was established on 16 October 2024 to consider and report by 9 May 2025 on: the organisation of business in the Seventh Senedd; barriers to representative participation; and thresholds set in Standing Orders.
2. Notes that the Committee's reports were laid on [28 February 2025](#), and [9 May 2025](#).

3. Agrees, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3, that the Future Senedd Committee should cease to exist.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

**6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report:
Anything's Achievable with the Right Support: Tackling the Disability
Employment Gap**

The item started at 15.37

NDM8918 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report: 'Anything's achievable with the right support: Tackling the Disability Employment Gap' [laid](#) on 6 March 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 June 2025.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

**7 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report:
Green economy**

The item started at 16.33

NDM8919 [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on the Green Economy, [laid](#) on 14 March 2025.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 June 2025

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Solar energy

The item started at 17.10

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8917 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) announce a moratorium on all applications to place solar panels on agricultural land;
- b) undertake a review of the potential of solar energy in Wales; and
- c) develop a solar strategy for Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	10	23	46

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. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) continue to work with developers for solar projects as required, to ensure they understand the robust planning policies we have in place in Wales; and
- b) continue to progress work on the renewable energy sector deal, which will include solar technologies, following on from the work of the Offshore Wind Task and Finish Group.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendment tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

9 Plaid Cymru Debate – UK Government spending review

The item started at 18.04

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8923 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that UK Government will announce the conclusions of its spending review on 11 June.
2. Regrets that decisions taken by the Labour UK Government over the last year have disproportionately affected Wales.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to press the UK Government to introduce an economic fairness bill which:
 - a) ensures fair funding for Wales;
 - b) devolves powers to create new income tax bands; and
 - c) increases draw-down limits and borrowing powers in line with inflation.
4. Calls on the UK Government to:

a) address the historic underinvestment in Welsh rail infrastructure, commit to the full £4 billion of HS2 consequential funding and devolve powers and funding over rail infrastructure to Wales;

b) reinstate the winter fuel allowance as a universal provision and scrap the two child benefit cap without delay;

c) reimburse the Welsh Government in full for the impact of employer national insurance increases; and

d) introduce a wealth tax, ensuring that the burden falls on those individuals and corporations with the broadest shoulders to bear a fairer share of overall tax paid.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	35	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government will respond to the UK Government's Spending Review, setting out the implications for Wales, after it has analysed those implications, following announcements on 11 June.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	24	47

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) support the introduction of a Welsh Winter Fuel allowance;
- b) spend the full Barnett uplift for health, on health;
- c) press the UK Government to reverse the increase in employers' national insurance contributions;
- d) further press the UK Government to abolish the family farm tax; and
- e) confirm that any consequentials resulting from HS2 spending will be spent on Wales-only projects.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	34	46

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendments tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

10 Voting time

The item started at 18.55

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 19.00

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 June 2025