

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 16 September 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 Tributes to Hefin David MS

The item started at 13:30

The Presiding Officer led the Senedd in observing a minute's silence with the bell being rung at the start and end of the silence. The Presiding Officer led tributes and called the First Minister, party leaders and other Members to make contributions.

At 14.32, proceedings were suspended for 13 minutes. The bell was rung at 14.40.

#### Presiding Officer statement

At 14.45, the Llywydd notified the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.75, that the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Act 2025 was given Royal Assent on 11 September.

### 2 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 14.45

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.



### **3 Business Statement and Announcement**

The item started at 15.37

### **4 Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery: The Planning (Wales) Bill and the Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 16.01

### **5 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Green paper seeking views on changes to the Welsh Tax Acts**

The item started at 16.34

### **6 Legislative Consent Motion: The Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets) Bill**

The item started at 17.02

**NDM8970** [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Senedd, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Footnote:

A [Legislative Consent Memorandum](#) and a [Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum](#) were laid in Table Office on 21 May 2025 and 07 August 2025, respectively, in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the UK Parliament website:

[Animal Welfare \(Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets\) Bill](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 7 Legislative Consent Motion: The Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.22

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

NDM8969 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Senedd, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Footnote:

A Legislative Consent Memorandum was [laid](#) in Table Office on 25 June 2025 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the UK Parliament website:

[Absent Voting \(Elections in Scotland and Wales\) Bill](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	1	11	50

The motion was agreed.

## 8 Legislative Consent Motion: The Mental Health Bill – postponed until 7 October

This item has been postponed until 7 October

## Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 9–10 together but with separate votes:

The proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 9–10 together but with separate votes was agreed.

### 9 The general principles of The Bus Services (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.42

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

NDM8967 [Ken Skates \(Clwyd South\)](#)

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

Agrees to the general principles of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill.

The [Bus Services \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 31 March 2025.

The report of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee on the Bus Services (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 24 July 2025.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	1	12	50

The motion was agreed.

### 10 The financial resolution in respect of The Bus Services (Wales) Bill

The item started at 17.42

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

NDM8968 [Ken Skates \(Clwyd South\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Bus Services (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 result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	1	12	50

The motion was agreed.

## 11 Voting time

The item started at 19.04

The meeting concluded at 19.06

**The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 17 September 2025**