

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Meeting time: 13.00

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## 1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources

The item started at 13.00

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and the Deputy Minister for Farming and Foods after Question 2.

## 2 Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

The item started at 13.46

The first 10 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

## 3 Debate on The Local Government Settlement 2016–17

The item started at 14.31

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

**NDM5988 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2016–17 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2016.



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The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	5	21	54

The motion was agreed.

#### **4 Debate on The Police Settlement 2016–17**

The item started at 15.09

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

**NDM5989 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2016–17 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners), which was laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2016.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	9	5	54

The motion was agreed.

#### **5 Stage 3 of the Public Health (Wales) Bill – Withdrawn**

#### **6 Motion to approve revisions to the Members' Code of Conduct**

The item started at 15.40

**NDM5990 John Griffiths (Newport East)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Adopts the revised Code of Conduct for Assembly Members, which was laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2016.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **7 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)**

The item started at 15.42

**NDM4945**

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)**

**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)**

**Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that each year in Wales between 300 and 350 people die from suicide, with latest figures showing that it is the leading cause of death for 20–34 year olds;
2. Recognises that people with a diagnosed mental health condition are at particular risk, with an estimated 90 per cent of people who attempt or die by suicide having one or more mental health condition;
3. Believes that more needs to be done to encourage people to talk openly about suicide and suicidal feelings, to raise awareness and help ensure that nobody is left to feel they are suffering alone;
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) improve the collection of data to identify those most at risk;
  - b) ensure follow-up support for people attending A&E after self-harm or a suicide attempt;
  - c) provide more effective signposting for listening and advocacy services;
  - d) look at the delivery of projects such as the Calm Zone in Liverpool who are providing cutting edge advice in an age appropriate way that appeals to young people, and other national and international examples of best practice; and
  - e) assess support available for families of individuals with mental ill-health.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **8 Debate on International Women's Day**

The item started at 16.22

**NDM5991 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Celebrates International Women's Day in recognition of the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women in Wales, and the remaining need to accelerate gender parity – particularly in public life.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Notes that the current gender pay gap is the lowest on record.

**The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Notes that there are more women in work in the UK than ever before.

**The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government's announcement that league tables ranking large firms by gender pay gap will be published by 2018.

**The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Voting on the motion and remaining amendment under this item was deferred until Voting Time.**

#### **Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Regrets that working women in Wales have faced bigger increases in childcare costs than elsewhere in the UK.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
26	0	28	54

**Amendment 4 was not agreed.**

**A vote was taken on the motion as amended:**

#### **NDM5991 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Celebrates International Women's Day in recognition of the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women in Wales, and the remaining need to accelerate gender parity – particularly in public life.
2. Notes that the current gender pay gap is the lowest on record.
3. Notes that there are more women in work in the UK than ever before.
4. Welcomes the UK Government's announcement that league tables ranking large firms by gender pay gap will be published by 2018.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
54	0	0	54

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **9 Voting Time**

The item started at 17.17

## **10 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.19

**NDM5987 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

"Keeping the local in local government" – the case for protecting Pembrokeshire from Welsh Government mergers.

The meeting concluded at 17.36

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 15 March 2016**