

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 6 July 2016

Meeting time: 13.00

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Presiding Officer Statement

The Presiding Officer made a statement wishing the best of luck to the Welsh Football team in tonight's UEFA Euro 2016 semi-final match on behalf of the Assembly, and congratulated the team on the success they have had so far in the tournament which had inspired the entire nation.

1 Debate on the Queen's Speech

The item started at 13.02

In accordance with Standing Order 11.15 (i) the Business Committee decided that any vote necessary would take place at the end of the debate.

NDM6060 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2016/2017.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:



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Regrets that the UK Government's proposed Wales Bill falls short of offering comparable powers as those available to, or on offer to Scotland.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	11	45

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the Research Briefing: 'Wales and the EU: What does the vote to leave the EU mean for Wales?' and believes that following the withdrawal of the UK from the EU, provisions should be made to ensure that all legislation giving effect to EU Directives or Regulations pertaining to areas such as environmental protection, workers' rights, food safety and agriculture are retained in UK and Welsh law unless they are actively repealed by the relevant Parliament.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	11	0	45

Amendment 2 was agreed.

NDM6060 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme 2016/2017.

Regrets that the UK Government's proposed Wales Bill falls short of offering comparable powers as those available to, or on offer to Scotland.

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food safety and agriculture are retained in UK and Welsh law unless they are actively repealed by the relevant Parliament.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	2	10	47

The motion as amended was agreed.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

The item started at 14.52

The first 7 questions were asked. Questions 4, 5, and 7 were answered by the Minister for Lifelong Learning and the Welsh Language. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

3 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 15.42

Both questions were asked.

4 United Kingdom Independence Party Debate

The item started at 15.50

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6058

[Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that following Brexit, Tata Steel in Port Talbot has a better chance of survival.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	0	43	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Delete all and replace with:

Notes the great importance of access to the Single Market for Tata UK.

If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will fall.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	14	48

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendments 2 and 3 were de-selected.

Amendment 4 – Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Continues to press the Welsh and UK Governments to find ways to support all of the steel industry in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	2	48

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to exploit existing EU funding to promote Plaid Cymru proposals, specifically the European Fund for Strategic Investments so the new renewable energy plant can be built on the TATA site in Port Talbot to address the issue of high energy costs, and Horizon 2020, so that a steel research and development centre can be established at Swansea University's Innovation Campus to increase TATA UK's business opportunities.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	10	27	47

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 – [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh and UK Governments to provide additional funding to a Tata successor if this is necessary as a result of the uncertainty associated with the United Kingdom leaving the European Union.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	1	2	47

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets UKIP's decision to vote against the European Commission's Modernisation proposals in the European Parliament – measures that would have led to far higher tariffs on Chinese steel being dumped on European markets.

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	9	5	48

Amendment 7 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6058

[Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

1. Notes the great importance of access to the Single Market for Tata UK.

2. Continues to press the Welsh and UK Governments to find ways to support all of the steel industry in Wales.

3. Calls on the Welsh and UK Governments to provide additional funding to a Tata successor if this is necessary as a result of the uncertainty associated with the United Kingdom leaving the European Union.

4. Regrets UKIP's decision to vote against the European Commission's Modernisation proposals in the European Parliament – measures that would have led to far higher tariffs on Chinese steel being dumped on European markets.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	5	48

The motion as amended was agreed.

5 Voting time

The item started at 16.51

6 Short Debate – POSTPONED TO 13 JULY

This item was postponed to 13 July 2016

NDM6059 [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#)

We need our unions more than ever

Looking at the work of unions in Wales in combatting austerity and encouraging greater membership and support of unions.

The meeting concluded at 16.55

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 12 July 2016