

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 14 September 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

The item started at 14.17

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

### 3 Motion to alter the remit of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

The item started at 15.04

NDM6083 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)



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National  
Assembly for  
Wales

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3:

Agrees to alter the remit of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, so that its remit is as follows:

(a) to examine the implications for Wales of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union and to ensure Welsh interests are safeguarded during the withdrawal process, in any new relationship with the European Union and in the intra-UK post-withdrawal arrangements for relevant policy, finance and legislation;

(b) to coordinate activity across Assembly committees in relation to point (a) above.

(c) to carry out the functions of the responsible committee under Standing Orders 21.8 to 21.11, with a consequential change to the remit of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee;

(d) to consider any other matter, including legislation, referred to it by the Business Committee.

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

#### **4 Motion to Elect Members to Committees**

The item started at 15.04

**NDM6091 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3 and 17.13(ii), elects Michelle Brown (UKIP Cymru) as a Member of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee.

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

#### **5 Plaid Cymru Debate**

The item started at 15.05

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6085 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to prioritise:

(a) protecting Wales from the immediate fallout of Brexit; and

(b) closing the prosperity gap between Wales and the rest of the United Kingdom by:

(i) creating a Wales development agency for the 21st century which will sell Wales, our products and ideas to the world in order to grow Welsh businesses and boost our exports;

(ii) establishing a national infrastructure commission for Wales to plan, fund and deliver our nation's transport, telecommunications, energy and green infrastructure; and

(iii) increasing levels of procurement for businesses based in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	42	55

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

Delete sub-point (a) and replace with:

'working proactively with the UK Government and other devolved governments ahead of the triggering of article 50 and the subsequent negotiations.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	10	55

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

Delete sub-point (b)(i) and replace with:

'selling Wales, our products and ideas to the world in order to grow Welsh businesses and boost our exports;'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	10	11	55

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

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

**NDM6085 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to prioritise:

(a); working proactively with the UK Government and other devolved governments ahead of the triggering of article 50 and the subsequent negotiations; and

(b) closing the prosperity gap between Wales and the rest of the United Kingdom by:

(i) selling Wales, our products and ideas to the world in order to grow Welsh businesses and boost our exports;

(ii) establishing a national infrastructure commission for Wales to plan, fund and deliver our nation's transport, telecommunications, energy and green infrastructure; and

(iii) increasing levels of procurement for businesses based in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **6 Welsh Conservative Debate**

The item started at 16.05

**NDM6084 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the retention of the frontline workforce is a major challenge facing the NHS in Wales.
2. Believes that the Welsh Government must outline its response to recent increases in the number of vacancies for doctors in the Welsh NHS.
3. Recognises, with concern, that stress-related illnesses are increasingly responsible for ambulance service staff being absent from work, and the impact this could have on the longer-term recruitment and retention of staff.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement a clear, comprehensive strategy which outlines how the Welsh Government will prioritise frontline staff recruitment and retention and tackle issues pertaining to low staff morale during the course of the fifth Assembly.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 7 United Kingdom Independence Party Debate

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:

**NDM6087 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that Brexit gives Wales a great opportunity to boost trade, industry and employment.
2. Welcomes the freedom Brexit provides to create a tailor-made policy for Welsh agriculture and fishing.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely in a positive frame of mind to capitalise on these opportunities and to involve all parties in the Assembly in its negotiations with the UK Government to maximise the potential benefits for Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
6	0	48	54

The motion without amendment was agreed/not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

'Recognises the outcome of the referendum on 23 June and calls on the Welsh Government to engage positively with the UK and other devolved governments in securing the best possible outcome for Wales during the forthcoming negotiations.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	15	54

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected.**

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

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the outcome of the referendum on 23 June and calls on the Welsh Government to engage positively with the UK and other devolved governments in securing the best possible outcome for Wales during the forthcoming negotiations.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	6	55

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **8 Voting Time**

The item started at 18.03

## **9 Short Debate**

The item started at 18.08

**NDM6086 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)**

Will the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 be sufficient to deal with rogue landlords?

The meeting concluded at 18.31

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 20 September 2016**