

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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

The item started at 13.30

In accordance with Standing Order 12.58 the Leader of the House answered questions on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs.

The first 9 questions were asked. Question 10 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Leader of the House after Question 2.

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

The item started at 14.16

The first 9 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 11 were withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 3.



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### **3 90 Second Statements**

The item started at 15.01

Ann Jones made a statement on Jess Fishlock.

Simon Thomas made a statement on Henry Richard, birthday on 3 April.

Neil McEvoy made a statement on protecting live music in Wales.

### **4 Motion to amend Standing Order 12 in relation to Topical Questions**

The item started at 15.05

**NDM6287 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 12 – Topical Questions and Urgent Questions' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 29 March 2017.
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Orders 11 and 12, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

### **5 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal**

The item started at 15.06

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

**NDM6227 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on waste reduction.
2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to reduce waste through placing requirements on food producers and retailers in respect of packaging.

The result was as follows:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 34  | 12      | 0       | 46    |

The motion was agreed.

**6 Statement by the Chair of the Finance Committee on Ministerial Appointments: Pre-Appointment Hearings by Assembly Committees**

The item started at 15.34

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

The item started at 15.52

**NDM6260**

[Lee Waters \(Llanelli\)](#)

[Jeremy Miles \(Neath\)](#)

[Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

[David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that the commonly–termed 'fourth industrial revolution' presents both challenges and opportunities to Wales' economy.
2. Notes that an estimated 700,000 jobs are at risk in Wales over the next two decades as a result of automation.
3. Believes that Wales has existing expertise that offers competitive advantage in emerging growth industries.
4. Recognises that, to capitalise on these emerging industries, we need to focus on rapid, agile approaches which adapt easily to changed circumstances.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to revisit the Innovation Wales Strategy with a view to ensuring it reflects the scale and scope of the disruption we face, and commits to a strategic review of opportunities in emerging, high–growth sectors, where Wales has the potential to establish early market dominance as part of its work on developing a new economic strategy.

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

## **8 Plaid Cymru debate**

The item started at 16.45

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6268 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of forward skills planning to meet the future needs of the construction industry to deliver infrastructure projects in Wales and beyond.
2. Believes that reform of public sector procurement in Wales is needed to take full advantage of the social, economic and environmental potential of the purchasing power of the Welsh public sector.

### 3. Calls on the Welsh Government:

a) to bring forward a procurement bill to make it mandatory for public sector bodies to follow Welsh Government policy on procurement, to maximise the social and economic impact of construction;

b) establish a national framework for public sector procurement in Wales to ensure the ambitions set out in the Wales Procurement Policy Statement are delivered;

c) to increase levels of capital infrastructure spending to boost the economy in Wales, providing a much needed boost for the construction sector;

d) consider the case for establishing a national construction college for Wales to develop high quality skills in the construction industry.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 12  | 1       | 35      | 48    |

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:

2. Notes the work of the Welsh Government in developing the Wales Procurement Policy Statement which has lowered barriers to procurement for small and medium sized enterprises right across Wales.

3. Recognises the need to grow capability within the Welsh public sector to maximise the impact of procurement spend within the Welsh economy.

4. Notes the intention of the Welsh Government to develop a new programme for procurement to help enable the Welsh public sector to make intelligent use of policy and legislation across Wales.

5. Recognises the Welsh Government's capital investment plans and the significant procurement opportunities presented by the South Wales and North East Wales metros; the 21st Century schools programme; the M4 relief road; building 20,000 affordable homes; improvements to Wales' transport network and other major infrastructure projects."

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 26  | 0       | 21      | 47    |

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to implement measures that will enable Welsh companies, in particular small and medium sized businesses, to access public sector contracts.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 46  | 0       | 1       | 47    |

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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1. Notes the importance of forward skills planning to meet the future needs of the construction industry to deliver infrastructure projects in Wales and beyond.
2. Notes the work of the Welsh Government in developing the Wales Procurement Policy Statement which has lowered barriers to procurement for small and medium sized enterprises right across Wales.
3. Recognises the need to grow capability within the Welsh public sector to maximise the impact of procurement spend within the Welsh economy.
4. Notes the intention of the Welsh Government to develop a new programme for procurement to help enable the Welsh public sector to make intelligent use of policy and legislation across Wales.
5. Recognises the Welsh Government's capital investment plans and the significant procurement opportunities presented by the South Wales and North East Wales metros; the 21st Century schools programme; the M4 relief road; building 20,000 affordable

homes; improvements to Wales' transport network and other major infrastructure projects."

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement measures that will enable Welsh companies, in particular small and medium sized businesses, to access public sector contracts.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 27  | 17      | 4       | 48    |

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Welsh Conservatives debate

The item started at 17.28

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6286 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the important role played by local authorities in delivering significant public services across Wales.
2. Notes that strong and effective local government should see power put back into the hands of local people and their communities.
3. Acknowledges the important role played by small businesses in driving the Welsh economy and believes local authorities should work closely with the business community to encourage greater collaboration, innovation and entrepreneurship.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 40  | 0       | 8       | 48    |

The motion without amendment was agreed.

## 10 Voting time

The item started at 18.26

## 11 Short Debate

The item started at 18.30

NDM6285 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

The Swansea Bay City Region

The meeting concluded at 18.52

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 2 May 2017**