

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 19 July 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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Presiding Officer Statement

The item started at 13.30

The Llywydd made a statement further to a Point of Order that was raised the previous day regarding the use of language in the Siambr, which had prompted her to reflect more generally on a recent tendency among Members to sail close to the wind in relation to the language used.

Whilst the Llywydd was satisfied that her response to date had been correct and in accordance with our Standing Orders, she did not expect the Siambr to become a place where accusations about the personal integrity of Members were thrown around lightly or frequently. She asked Members to think carefully about the words they used, and stated that she would not allow a pattern of behaviour to develop which deliberately tested the Assembly's boundaries.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure

The item started at 13.31

The first 7 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.



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2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport

The item started at 14.25

The first 6 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.19

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

[Steffan Lewis \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the decline in safety in youth jails in light of the publication of the HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales' Annual Report 2016 -17?

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for the Environment and Rural Affairs

[David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on current guidance for the management and removal of dangerous structures, following yesterday's fatal building collapse in Splott?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.27

Ann Jones made a statement to note the 60th anniversary of the opening of the first Welsh medium secondary school, in Rhyl.

Hannah Blythyn made a statement on Point of Ayr Colliery heritage project, Talacre, which will unveil its pit wheel and pony sculpture on 23 July.

Dawn Bowden made a statement on Fochriw Primary School and its "Red Kite Project", which aims to develop children as ethically informed citizens.

Elin Jones made a statement on the closure of Llanwnnen, Llanwenog and Cwrtnewydd primary schools, and the opening of Dyffryn Cledlyn regional school in September.

5 Statement from the Chair of the Finance Committee: Fiscal Reform – Lessons from Scotland

The item started at 15.33

6 Debate on the report by the Public Accounts Committee on Natural Resources Wales: Scrutiny of Annual Report and Accounts 2015–16

The item started at 15.57

NDM6366 [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Report of the Public Accounts Committee – Natural Resources Wales: Annual Report and Accounts 2015–16 – which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 15 June 2017.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to extend the appointment of the Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board

The item started at 16.37

NDM6369 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Paragraphs 5(1) and 5(3) to Schedule 1 of the Public Audit Wales Act 2013, and under Standing Order 10.5, extends the appointment of Isobel Garner as Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board for a further three years.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 United Kingdom Independence Party debate

The item started at 16.42

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6371 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Believes that Brexit:

a) enables the Welsh people to have more control over their own lives by devolving governmental powers from unelected technocrats in Brussels to Assembly Members in Cardiff and MPs at Westminster;

b) can create more prosperity for agriculture and the rural economy, by replacing the CAP with an agricultural policy tailor-made for Wales's specific needs, with special reference to conservation and environmental protection based on scientific principles and incurring proportionate cost to rural taxpayers and businesses.

2. Believes that the Welsh Government should develop other tailor made policies for rural areas within a localism agenda which empowers local people by:

a) making major planning decisions with a significant adverse impact on the quality of life, such as intrusive wind-farms, subject to local referendums;

b) making major changes to the provision of rural schools and other educational services subject to genuine local consultation;

c) facilitating more affordable rural housing; and

d) giving greater priority to the provision of NHS facilities in smaller rural towns.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	0	46	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that leaving the European Union offers the opportunity to devolve more powers to the National Assembly for Wales.

2. Acknowledges that there will be an opportunity to reduce the amount of red tape facing Welsh farmers and expects the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to deliver a post-Brexit framework that supports Welsh farmers.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to do more to support rural communities across Wales, by developing more tailor-made policies in the areas of health, education and housing.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	39	51

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

Believes that the current approach to Brexit through the UK Government's European Union (Withdrawal) Bill blocks the exercise of devolved powers by the Assembly and endangers the control people in Wales have over their lives.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	16	51

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6371 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly:

Believes that the current approach to Brexit through the UK Government's European Union (Withdrawal) Bill blocks the exercise of devolved powers by the Assembly and endangers the control people in Wales have over their lives.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	16	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting time

The item started at 17.30

10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.32

NDM6370 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Problem gambling in Wales

The meeting concluded at 17.55

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 19 September 2017