

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 14 November 2017

Meeting time: 12.30

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1 Tributes to Carl Sargeant AM

The item started at 12.30

The Presiding Officer led the Assembly in observing a minute's silence with the bell being rung at the start and end of the silence. The Presiding Officer led tributes and called the First Minister, party leaders and other Members to make contributions.

At 13.47, proceedings were suspended for 13 minutes. The bell was rung 5 minutes before reconvening.

2 Questions to the First Minister – Postponed from 7 November

The item started at 14.00

Questions 1 – 4, 6 and 8 – 11 were asked. Questions 5 and 7 were withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

3 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.49



Proposal to debate the following items together but with separate votes:

**4 The Regulated Services (Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2017 –
Postponed from 7 November**

This item started at 15.06

It was agreed under Standing Order 12.24 that the following two items would be debated together but with separate votes.

NDM6554 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Regulated Services (Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2017 are made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 29 September 2017.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

**5 The Regulated Services (Annual Returns) (Wales) Regulations 2017 –
Postponed from 7 November**

NDM6553 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Regulated Services (Annual Returns) (Wales) Regulations 2017 are made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 2 October 2017.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 The Official Statistics (Wales) Order 2017 – Withdrawn

**7 Debate: The Children's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report 2016–
17 – Postponed from 7 November**

The item started at 15.12

NDM6550 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Children's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report 2016–17.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Debate: The Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report 2016–17

The item started at 16.05

NDM6560 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Acknowledges the Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report for 2016–17, which details the work undertaken by the Commissioner during the previous financial year.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add new point at end of motion;

Notes positive developments in Welsh-language use under the language standards system, which is managed by the Welsh Language Commissioner, only a year after they came into force, and which include:

- a) that 76 per cent of Welsh speakers are of the opinion that public organisations' Welsh-language services are improving;
- b) that 57 per cent of people believe that opportunities to use the Welsh language are increasing;
- c) an increase from 50 per cent in 2015–16 to 96 per cent in 2016–17 in the number of telephone services where a language choice is offered as default; and
- d) an increase from 32 per cent in 2015–16 to 45 per cent in 2016–17 in the number of councils that provide every page on their website in Welsh.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

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

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to reconsider abolishing the role of Welsh Language Commissioner as outlined in the Welsh language Bill White Paper.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	4	27	50

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6560 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Acknowledges the Welsh Language Commissioner's Annual Report for 2016–17, which details the work undertaken by the Commissioner during the previous financial year.

Notes positive developments in Welsh–language use under the language standards system, which is managed by the Welsh Language Commissioner, only a year after they came into force, and which include:

- a) that 76 per cent of Welsh speakers are of the opinion that public organisations' Welsh–language services are improving;
- b) that 57 per cent of people believe that opportunities to use the Welsh language are increasing;
- c) an increase from 50 per cent in 2015–16 to 96 per cent in 2016–17 in the number of telephone services where a language choice is offered as default; and
- d) an increase from 32 per cent in 2015–16 to 45 per cent in 2016–17 in the number of councils that provide every page on their website in Welsh.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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50	0	0	50
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The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Motion to agree to the First Minister's recommendation to Her Majesty to appoint a Counsel General

The item started at 16.46

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

NDM6561 [Carwyn Jones \(Bridgend\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 9.1, agrees to the First Minister's recommendation to Her Majesty to appoint Jeremy Miles AM as Counsel General

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	14	0	50

The motion was agreed.

10 Motion to vary the order of consideration of Stage 3 amendments to the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.57

NDM6562 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.36:

Agrees to dispose of sections and schedules to the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill at Stage 3 in the following order:

Sections 2 – 94

Schedule 1

Section 1

Long title

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

11 Debate: Tackling Substance Misuse – Postponed to 21 November

12 Debate: Stage 3 of the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill – Postponed to 28 November

13 Voting Time

The item started at 16.58

The meeting concluded at 16.59

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 15 November 2017